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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS.

Irrigation.

REVENUE REPORT OF IRRIGATION WORKS IN SIND FOR 1887-88.

No. 122 I., dated Simla, the 28th June, 1889.

RESOLUTION-By the Government of India, Public Works Department

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Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 56 W. I.-783, dated 29th April 1889, submitting the Revenue Report of the Irrigation Department in Sind for 1887-88, with a Memorandum by the Commissioner in Sind and the Resolution of the Government of Bombay on the subject.

The Irrigation system of Sind consists of a great network of canals led off from the Indus, watering a country which is almost rainless and devoid of wells, and which but for these canals would produce hardly any crops, except in basins flooded by the spill of the river. It also includes a system of embankments whose object it is to shut in the flood waters of the river and But though these canals and embankments practically prevent its spill. constitute one combined system, managed indiscriminately by the same engineering and collecting staff, they are distinguished for account purposes into four classes according to the nature of the funds employed in their construction. In the first class, Major Works, are four canals constructed from Loan Funds; in the second, Minor Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept, are seven canals constructed from Revenue. The rest of the canals fall into the third class, Minor Works for which only Revenue Accounts are kept, having for the most part been constructed from Revenue in earlier years before a careful system of Capital Accounts was started. The fourth class, Agricultural Works, consists chiefly of the embankments in Upper Sind, which are less closely connected with irrigation than with the protection of the country and the retention of the river in its proper course. Few of these canals are entirely new, though all have been greatly improved under British rule. In order to shew what credit is due to the capital expended on them, a calculation has been made of the earnings of the first two classes before.improvement; and this sum is deducted from the figures which shew what the financial returns of those canals are. This amount has been fixed for the present at Rs. 4,03,007; but no similar allowance has been made on the other side for the former average cost of maintenance and collection.

- 2. The main features of the year under review were that the inundation of 1887 was a poor one. The river rose late and fell early; and though it rose to a height at Bukkur which, with one exception, was the highest recorded, it only remained for one day at this height. The general results of the year were nevertheless very satisfactory on the whole. The area irrigated was larger by 56,464 acres than in the previous year; the collections were greater by Rs. 1,06,270. The assessments or gross earnings, including actual miscellaneous receipts, were greater by Rs. 1,26,032; but the expenditure increased, by Rs. 1,68,173. Thus the net earnings of the canals fell off by Rs. 42,141, or about 2 per cent. of the entire net earnings of the Canal system.
- 3. The Irrigation system was increased by three miles of canals and eight miles of embankments constructed in the Eastern Nara district during the It consists now of 5,827 miles of canals and 610 miles of year 1887-88.

embankments. Capital Accounts are kept of the works on which expenditure is shewn in the following statement; they comprise in all 2,552 miles of canals and 236 miles of embankments:

	Number	Duning :	THE YEAR	1887-88.	To END o	F THE YEAR	R 1897-89.
	of Works.	Direct.	Indirect.	Total.	Direct.	Indirect.	Total.
MAJOR WORKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Productive Public Works	4	1,87,226	6,615	1,93,841	80,34,617	2,76,461	83,11,078
MINOR WORKS.							
Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.	7				30,75,900	1,35,284	32,11,184
, Total	11	1,87,226	6,615	1,93,841	1,11,10,517	4,11,745	1,15,22,262

The Capital Expenditure was chiefly on the distributaries of the Desert and Eastern Nara Canals. The estimated cost of the four Productive Works is Rs. 88,16,984, including indirect charges, so a little over five lakhs remain for expenditure. The estimates of the Minor Works aggregate Rs. 32,98,676, of which only a sum of Rs. 87,492 is still unspent.

The following statement shews the actual collections and expenditure on the first two classes of Canals in the year 1887-88: 4.

	Capital		GROSS 1	GROSS REVENUE.		WOI	WORKING EXPENSES.	TSES.		Deduct	Balance or Net	Percen-
CANAL,	to end of	Irrig	Irrigation.	Plantations					Net Revenue.	Average Receipts	Revenue due to	Net Reve
	1887-88.	Government Land.	Jaghir Land.	cellaneous less Refunds.	Total.	Direct.	Indirect.	Total.		before improvements.	Capital Expendi-	Capital Outlay.
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MAJOR WORKS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Productive Works-							ė		•			*
Desert Canal	12,16,349	91,709	36,742	229	1,28,680	49,588	1,337	50,925	77,755		77.755	6:39
Unharwah	3,38,915	53,206	10	30	53,246	16,860	341	17,201	36,045		36,045	10.63
Begari Canal	16,73,079	2,40,604	25,026	465	2,66,095	83,096	1,925	85,021	1,81,074	24,856	1,56,218	9.34
Eastern Nara Canal	50,82,735	3,15,967	819	15,170	3,31,956	87,063	2,813	89,876	2,42,080	8,444	2,38,636	4.69
Total Productive Works	83,11,078	7,01,486	62,597	15,894	7,79,977	2,36,607	6,416	2,43,023	5,36,954	28,300	5,08,654	6.12
MINOR WORKS.											İ	
Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.												
Sakkur Canal	13,88,713	1,69,443	479	652	1,70,574	48,571	606	44.480	1.26.094	71.550	54 544	9.00
Ghar Canal	4,40,977	4,59,614	819	3,836	4,64,269	1,60,721	3,419	1,64,140	3,00,129	1,16,832	1.83.297	41.56
Mehrabwah	698'49	23,181	:	202	23,383	9,188	198	9,386	13,997	N.	13.997	20.62
Alibhar Kacheri Canal	23,917	12,536	635	15	13,186	5,967	158	6,125	7,061	8,427	-1,366	
Marak Great Canal	2,01,553	81,723	1,895	308	83,926	18,183	376	18,559	65,367	36,459	28,908	14.34
Surfrazwah	1,24,680	906'02	1,540	348	32,794	11,899	281	12,174	20,620	11,155	9.465	7.59
Fuleli Canal	9,63,475	4,88,786	18,924	4,637	5,12,347	2,47,849	5,200	2,53,049	2,59,298	1,30,284	1,29,014	13.39
Total Minor Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.	32,11,184	12,66,189	24,292	8,998	13,00,479	4,97,372	10,541	5,07,913	7,92,566	3,74,707	4,17,859	13-01
TOTAL	1,15,22,262	19,67,675	86,889	25,892	20,80,456	7,33,979	16,957	7,50,936	13,29,520	4,03,007	9,26,513	8.04
TOTAL FOR 1886-87	1,13,28,421	18,43,767	111 885	00000	10 69 105	00.040						

Nors.—These figures, which are compiled from Statements I B. and I C., combined with Table VIA., differ from the Finance Accounts in the following respects:—The Capital Outlay in column 2 includes Indirect charges, which are not shown in the Finance Accounts. The figures in column 2 includes Indirect charges, which are not spread and pension allowances, are not shown in the Finance Accounts. The figures in column 2 includes This formation of liability for leave and pension allowed from Indirect Revenue. Of the Receipts in column 3, which are shewn in the Accounts under the head "Indirect Receipts," only that portion which partners to Major Works after deducting Average Receipts, column 11), is shewn in the Finance Accounts.

The net revenue of the Major Works is Rs. 62,547 greater, and that of the Minor Works Rs. 39,948 less, than in the previous year, the aggregate return on

capital being 8.04 as compared with 7.97 per cent. 5. The third class of canals, chiefly in the Hyderabad and Karachi districts, for which only Revenue Accounts are kept, comprise 3,275 miles of channels and 374 miles of embankments. These gave the following results in

887-88:	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.	Net Revenue.
Direct	(a) 44,739 17,71,973	10,02,394	
Indirect . Total	18,16,712 18,05,069	10,02,394 8,47,630	8,14,318 9,57,439

⁽a) Note.—This figure differs from that shewn in the Finance Accounts (Rs. 44,979) by Rs. 240, due to an adjustment of that amount on account of an error in the preliminary Canal return received in the Examiner's Office by transfer from Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not kept to Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not kept to Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts

6. The fourth class, called Agricultural Works, cost Rs. 1,12,491 for extenare kept. sions, maintenance, and establishment; and a revenue of Rs. 7,212 was realised.

7. Thus the actual gross revenue collected and working expenses incurred in 1887-88 on the Irrigation Works in Sind as compared with that for the preceding year were-

	Gross Re	venue.	Working E	xpenses.
	1887-88.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1886-87.
(1) Major Works	7,79,977	7,10,178	2,43,023	2,35,771
(2) Minor Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept	13,00,479	12,73,017	5,07,913	4,40,503
(3) Minor Works of which Revenue Accounts only are kept . (4) Agricultural Works .	18,16,712 7,212	18,05,069 9,846	10,02,394 1,12,491	8,47,630 1,73,744
Total .	39,04,380	37,98,110	18,65,821	16,97,648

8. But the figures, which shew the amount paid by the canals into the Government Treasury during the year, do not fully express the gross earnings of the works from a commercial point of view. There is a further sum, known as the "difference of assessment in Jaghir lands," which has to be added. This sum, is the difference between the assessment actually made on these lands and that which would be made were they not specially favoured at the expense of the canals on account of their tenure. The "difference of assessment on Jaghir lands" in 1887-88 was Rs. 4,00,830, divided thus:

70,750 Class (1) 1,73,186 Class (2) 1,56,894 Class (8)

If the Net Revenue (given in column 12 of the statement in paragraph 4) be increased by the amounts belonging to classes (1) and (2), it will be found that the Irrigation Works in Sind of which Capital Accounts are kept paid in 1887-88 more than ten per cent. on their Capital cost.

Indeed, it is doubtful whether the works might not fairly be credited with even higher profits; for the "working expenses" include the repairs of the embankments in Sind. And these, although they are, in many cases, essential

for the protection of irrigated lands, also serve other useful purposes.

9. The major irrigation works in Sind, that is, the four Productive Public Works, shew, collectively, a net profit to the State up to the end of the year of Rs. 7,26,982; that is, the total net revenue up to the end of the year has exceeded the interest charges by that amount. This result is obtained by the profitable working on three out of the four systems; but one, the Eastern Nara Canal, has at present a deficit of Rs. 8,57,285. Commencing from 1887-88, a reduction in the deficit has been made; and there is every reason to expect that further reductions will annually occur.

10. The foregoing paragraphs refer to the revenue collected during the year.

Major Works. Productive Public Works—	Water Share of Net Revenue.	Hakaba.	Water Share of Hakaba. Difference on Total. Net Revenue. 2 3 4 5 MAJOR WORKS. Rs. Rs. Rs. Rs.	Total. 5		Rate per acre.	Water Share of Net Revenue.	Hakaba. 9 Rs.	j886-87. Difference on Jaghir Assessments. 10 Rs.		Area irrigated. 12 Acres. 76,562	Rate per acre. 13
Desert Canal Unharwah Begari Canal Eastern Nara Canals Total Productive Public Works	89,722 53,155 2,80,789 3,15,802 6,89,468	28,478 1,123 1,123 68,226	34,085 5,772 70,750	1,59,250 53,165 2,93,352 3,22,697 8,28,444	29,406 157,600 170,781 446,839	1.86	43,773 2,51,196 2,56,550 6,16,830	33,405 1,366 71,707	40,791	43,773 3,25,392 2,65,017 7,66,152	24,332 171,960 136,327 409,171	1.89
MINOR WORKS. Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept— Sukkur Canal Ghar Canal Mehrabwah Alibhar Kacheri Canal Marak Great Canal Suffrazwah Suffrazwah	168,122 4,56,605 23,181 12,206 78,685 28,987	834 1,015 288 1,630 1,471	4,471 9,835 431 1,819 12,026 9,089	1,73,427 4,67,455 23,612 14,313 92,541 39,547	72,381 166,239 12,890 6,616 41,118 23,415 23,415	8:83 1:83 1:83 1:83 44:34 1:63	1,61,967 4,79,818 21,110 13,298 80,656 28,598 4,36,882	719 1,378 441 1,700 1,487 18,914	8,767 18,229 2,397 12,205 7,953 1,01,012	1,66,453 4,94,425 21,110 16,136 94,561 38,038 5,56,808	67,571 174,654 11,858 7,801 41,923 24,924	29.46 1.78 1.78 20.06 1.55 1.56
Total Minor Works	12,56,404	23,838	1,73,186	14,53,428	599,825	67.6	12,22,329	24,639	1,40,563	13,87,531	582,121	2.38
Minor Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not kept	17,67,461	26,231	1,56,894	19,50,586	821,110	2.36	17,40,688	27,252	1,32,036	18,99,976	818,089	2.32

11. The areas irrigated in 1887-88 by the different classes of works are shewn in the following statement as compared with those of the three previous years:

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*		1887-88.		.N		
	Govern- ment Lands.	Jaghir Lands.	Total.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1884-85.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Productive Public Works .	873,895	72,444	446,339	409,171	402,004	392,386
Minor Works (of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept)	526,394	73 ,431	599,825	582,121	541,070	592,448
Minor Works (of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not kept)	749,498	71,619	821,110	818,089	790,973	794,85
Agricultural Works	3,840		3,840	5,269	5,872	3,984
Total	1,653,627	217,487	1,871,114	1,814,650	1,739,919	1,788,178

The area irrigated is greater than that of the previous year, which was the largest on record except that of 1878-79. The increase was distributed over the majority of the works, but was largest on the Eastern Nara Canals. There was a decrease in Irrigation on the Begari and Ghar Canals and on some few of the other works. The decrease on the Begari Canal was due to the defective supply in June, caused partly by the low inundation of the year, and partly by the defective supply in a channel called the Waddu Dhand.

12. The following statement shews the working expenses, including indirect charges, of the year under review, compared with the corresponding figures of the previous three years:

	Working Expenses.	Rate per	Wo	rking Expense	8.
•	1887-88.	irrigated.	1896-87.	1885-86.	1884-85.
MAJOR WORKS-CLASS (1).	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Productive Public Works					
Desert Canal	50,925	0.57	48,915	39,992	44,642
Unharwah	17,201	0.58	15,935	9,870	
Begari Canal	85,021	0.53	76,683	78,861	83,054
Eastern Nara Canals	89,876	0.52	94,238	90,229	88,964
TOTAL PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC WORKS	2,43,023	0.54	2,35,771	2,18,952	2,16,660

	Working Expenses.	Rate per	, W	orking Expense	in.
	1887-88.	irrigated.	1886-87.	1885-86,	1884-85,
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
MINOR WORKS—CLASS (2) of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.		A			
Sukkur Canal	44,480	*0.61	30,444	41,416	32,791
Ghar Canal	1,64,140	0.98	1,69,591	1,98,721	1,88,385
Mehrabwah	9,386	0.72	15,420	9,562	17,581
Alibhar Kacheri Canal	6,125	0.92	5,986	7,938	8,822
Marak Great Canal	18,559	0.45	16,207	16,477	19,543
Surfrazwah	12,174	0.51	15,990	11,466	12,334
Fuleli Canal	2,53,049	0.91	1,86,915	1,95,600	2,12,186
Total Minor Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept	5,07,913	0.84	4,40,503	4,81,180	4,91,642
Grand Total Works of which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept	7,50,936	0.71	6,76,274	* 2,00,132	7,08,302
Rate per acre irrigated		0.71	0.68	0.74	0.71
(Class 3.)	7			1	
Minor Works of which only Revenue Accounts are kept	10,02,394	1.22	8,47,630	8,13,623	8,37,165
Rate per acre irrigated		1.22	1.04	1.02	1.05

Indirect charges are not shewn in the case of Works of the third class.

The average rate per acre of working expenses on all the three classes of canals has bee

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	1887-88.	1886-87. 1885-86.	1884-85.
Area	. 1,867,274 .	1,809,381 1,734,047	1,779,189
Amount	. 1,753,330	1,523,904 1,513,755	1,545,467
Rate per acre of work	. 0.93	. 0.84 0.87	0.86

For the Agricultural works the figures are.

	Working Expenses.		Working Expen	ses.
	1887-88.	1886-87.	1885-86.	1884-85.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Working Expenses	1,12,491	1,73,744	63,238	55,935

13. It will be noticed that the working expenses of all the three classes generally by the Superintending Engineer (paragraph 13, page 7) in the following words:

"The excess expenditure was rendered necessary by the short amount of grants in previous years and the consequent decay of the canals. However, it is a matter of congratulation that the expenditure well paid for itself, and there is no doubt that a much larger expenditure on canals in Sind would be much more than covered."

The Government of Bombay does not admit the accuracy of this statement. The matter is ably dealt with in paragraphs 14 to 18 inclusive of the Resolution of that Government. It is shewn that the allusion to the decay of the canals is refuted by evidence in the report itself, and the following extract gives the

opinion of the Government of Bombay:

"Government concur in the advantage financially of a liberal expenditure on canals in Sind; but the question as to the specific direction in which outlay may be made most prosind; but the question as to the specific direction in which outlay may be made most prosind; but the question are question and proton canals in direction and proton canals in the character of the inpudation and proton catalabeter. the revenue is dependent principally on the character of the inundation and not on actual bed clearances; and it is apparent that money spent in any one season on extraordinary bed clearances of the canals running much below the level of the country might be almost, if not entirely, wasted, if the following inundation was a favourable one. This is exemplified by the reports, which shew that in 1886-87, after a good inundation and comparatively small extraordinary there were no complaints; whereas in 1887-88 after a poor invalid expenditure, there were no complaints; whereas in 1887-88, after a poor inundation and large expenditure, there are demands for increased outlay. The outlay beyond a certain point is, in fact, only an insurance against an unfavourable inundation level; and it is a question fetter average results would not be obtained by improvements in alignment, width, &c., rather than by extra clearance outlay, except perhaps on the tails of some of the canals, e.g., the Fuleli, which require thorough clearance, as well as improvements."

The Government of India concurs generally in this opinion. With regard to the conclusion that, provided financial requirements admit, an average of nine lakhs of rupces should be annually devoted to the maintenance and repairs of these canals, the reply of the Bombay Government is awaited to the call for information on the subject of the cost of clearances in Sind which was made in the course of 1888. On the 30th October 1888 the Government of Bombay reported that that information was ready and would be forwarded

at once; but it has not yet been received.

14. The details of the working expenses of works of Classes 1 and 2 for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept are as follows:

	in the second	1887-88.	1886-87.
		Rs.	Rs.
Extensions and Improvements		17,552	25,036
Maintenance and Repairs		4,34,190	3,52,520
Establishment		2,81,556	2,78,219
Tools and Plant		681	2,354
Indirect Charges		16,957	18,145
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TOTAL		7,50,936	6,76,274
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The charge for Establishment is made up of the following items:

	1887-88. Rs.	1886-87. Rs.
Share of Direction and Accounts	31,946	34,855
Executive Officers	89,189	94,770
Establishment under Civil Officers	1,60,421	1,48,594
	2,81,556	2,78,219

The Establishment charges are distributed in the same manner as those in the Bombay Presidency (vide paragraph 9 of Government of India Resolution No. 30-I. of 22nd February 1889). The establishment under Civil Officers is a share of the cost of Civil Establishments employed in collecting revenue, and is calculated at 10 per cent. on the actual revenue collected in that department.

15. The Commissioner in Sind, in paragraphs 38 to 40 of his memorandum No. 399 of 31st January 1889, refers to the expenditure on Working Expenses. He points out that the establishment charged to "Works and Repairs" is more costly than the regular establishment, which is accounted for under its proper head. The comparison made by the Commissioner is not quite an accurate one, as he omits to notice that a considerable proportion of the charge for permanent establishment is properly chargeable to "Revenue management" and not to "Maintenance." However, there can be no doubt that the charges for "work establishment" are most abnormally large, being, for the works for which Capital Accounts are kept, apparently more than half the total charges to "Works." This matter appears to call for the early attention of the Government of Bombay.

- 16. The remissions of Revenue on Government lands were Rs. 61,937, or less than half those of the previous year, and considerably below the average of former years. The unrealized balance on account of Government lands were considerably decreased during the year. The amount outstanding for 1886-87 was 92,055; that for 1887-88, only Rs. 42,597. The unrealized balance for Jaghir lands, however, increased from Rs. 90,289 to Rs. 94,813. In this case the largest arrears are in Khelat: the question of the assessments and collections in this territory is now under the consideration of the Government of India.
- 17. The report is accompanied by a memorandum by the Commissioner in Sind, which contains some important suggestions concerning the following points:
 - (1) The necessity of early clearances and early openings of the canals.
 - (2) The danger of canalising the Indus.
 - (3) The injury done by keeping out spill water, which used to fertilise the land. If this is set against the advantages of the canals, the result is a less and not a greater cultivated area.
 - (4) Absorption of water by landholders living near the heads of the canals.
 - (5) Payment for the use of surplus water let out over grazing lands.
 - (6) Fuller information as to cultivation and crop areas on each canal, and as to expenditure on maintenance.

The Government of Bombay has decided to refer the suggestions of the Commissioner for the opinion and remarks of the Superintending Engineer and the Examiner of Public Works Accounts. The Government of India will be glad to learn the result of these references.

18. The Government of India has under separate consideration the question of the very late date on which the Revenue Report of Irrigation operations in Sind is invariably submitted. It is noticed that in the forwarding letter the Government of Bombay again mentions the time taken in printing as one of the chief causes of delay. This reason is not one to which much weight should be attached, as the amount of printing is trifling.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of this Resolution, of the Report, and of the Madras; Bengal; the North Western Provinces Day, be forwarded for information to the Governments noted in the margin in the Public Works Department; and that a copy of this Resolution, of the Report, and of the Resolution by the Government of Bombay, be forwarded to the Department of Finance and Commerce, and to the Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

Ordered further, that a copy of this Resolution, the Resolution by the Local Government, and the Memorandum by the Commissioner in Sind, together with the General Abstract of Financial Results, be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*; and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Enclosure to Public Works Department Resolution No. 122-I. of 1889.

RESOLUTION-By the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department.

No. 56 W. I.—783, dated 29th April 1889.

Read-

Letter from the Superintending Engineer for Irrigation in Sind, No. 3861, dated 20th December 1888.—
Submits the Revenue Report of Irrigation Works in Sind for 1887-88, with the usual tables, charts and index map of Sind, and also a comparative statement showing a series of readings of the gauges at Bukkur and Kotri.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 399, dated 31st January 1889 .- Forwards the above

Letter from the Superintending Engineer for Irrigation in Sind, No. 540, dated 11th February 1882.—
Forwards an explanation of certain mistakes noticed by the Commissioner in Sind in the Tables attached to the Revenue Report for 1887-88. Submits fresh copies of Tables IV and VIA, which

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer in Sind, dated 4th April 1889:—"Discrepancy, Government Resolution 812, due to write off. Alter column 2, gross revenue to Rs. 34,94,180 and collection charges to Rs. 3,42,170."

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer in Sind, dated 4th April 1889 :—"Please adopt Examiner's figures of Revenue Account."

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer in Sind, dated 4th April 1889.

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer in Sind, dated 6th April 1889.

RESOLUTION.—The inaudation of 1887 is characterised by the Superintending Engineer as a very poor one: the river rose late and fell early, and, though the maximum height at Bukkur was the highest on record, except that of 1882, it only remained at that height for one day—a most unusual incident. The Commissioner in Sind describes it as somewhat irregular and deficient, but says the season was on the whole favourable, as the rainfall was recorded and recorded and seasonable and the prices of produce ruled unusually high.

- 2. The mileage of canals and river embankments was 5,827 and 610 miles respectively, or practically the same as in the previous year.
- 3. The agricultural operations and financial results of the year are the best on record. The area of cultivation on the canals was 1,871,114 acres, including 217,487 acres of jaghir: the irrigation share of net consolidated assessment was Rs. 37,20,291, and the total canal revenue (assessed) was Rs. 38,82,426, as follows:

Treated in the Accounts as Indirect Revenue.

Trea										Rs.
Consolidated land and water	assessmen	ts .								41,95,588
Deduct-Remissions .										61,937
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Net consolidated assessmen	ts									41,33,651
Deduct-Land share .										4,13,360
		100		manito						37,20,291
	net consol							8.	Rs.	
	cenne acco	ounted	for	as D	ir e ct	Re	ceipt	s. 1	Rs.	
Rec	cenue acco	o u nted	for	as D	irect	Re	ceipt	8. 1,18	Rs.	
Rev	cenue acco	o u nted	for	as D	irect	Re	ceipt	8. 1,18	Rs. ,295	1,16,840
Rec	cenne acco	o u nted	for	as D	ir e ct	Re	ceipi	s. 1,18	Rs. ,295 1,450	

4. The expenditure on maintenance and repairs was Rs. 13,02,617 and that on extensions and improvements Rs. 2,04,096. The charge debited to the canals for share of collection charges incurred in the Revenue Department was Rs. 3,42,170. The total charges were thus Rs. 18,48,883. This is exclusive of a charge of Rs. 16,957 under Indirect charges (Leave and Pension Allowances) included in the Examiner's statement showing the Financial Results of the works for which Capital Accounts are kept the works for which Capital Accounts are kept.

The outlay incurred on Capital Account during the year amounted to Rs. 1,93,841. To this there is no allusion anywhere in the report. It was incurred wholly on the four works classed as Major Works.

5. Comparing the results of the year with those of the previous year (one of 'very good'

1886-87. 1887-88. Difference.
inundation), there was an increase in the area of

Government . 1,593,666 1,653,627 +59,961 eultivation of 56,464* acres. Of the increase on

Jaghir . 222,984 217,487 -3,497 the Government lands, 29,523 acres was in the

Total . 1,814,650 1,871,114 +56,464 ed assessments shows an increase of Rs. 1,30,792,

of which Rs. 55,806 was in the rabi assessments.

The total canal revenue (assessed) shows an increase of Rs. 1,45,814, as follows:

Increase in net consolidated assessments Increase in net assessment on jaghir cultivation						Rs. 1,30,792 18,189
Deduct—Decrease in miscellaneous receipts						1,48,981 3,167
		Net	increa	se	•	1,45,814

The increase in jaghir assessment is due to a large reduction in the remissions, which, in 1886-87, were Rs. 24,942,† as compared with Rs. 1,450 in 1887-88. Of this latter amount, Rs. 170 were on account of the previous year.

The decrease in miscellaneous receipts is explained by the Commissioner as principally due to decreased receipts from fisheries.

6. The expenditure of the year again shows a large increase, amounting to Rs. 1,69,375, as follows:

		OUTL	AY.		
		1886-87.	1897-88.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Extensions and Improvements		2,00,615	* 1,67,420		33,195
Maintenance and Repairs		8,27,922	10,41,501	2,13,579	
Public Works Establishment		3,21,577	2,97,792	***	23,785
Total in Public Works Department		13,50,114	15,06,713	1,56,599	
Revenue (collection charges)		3,29,394	3,42,170	12,776	
TOTAL .		16,79,508	18,48,883	1,69,375	

No description is given of the works carried out from expenditure classed as extensions and improvements. This omission should be supplied in future reports. The expenditure on maintenance and repairs was largely in excess of that in the previous year, or in any previous year, and almost the whole; of the increase was spent on the canals themselves and not on the river

embankments.

It is argued from the smallness of the remissions of Government revenue (less than half those of the average of the previous six years and only 1.5 per cent. on the assessed revenue) that the capals were in excellent order, and, had this not been so, the admirable results shown for the year's cultivation and revenue would not have been realised owing to the poor inundation. From the figures given relating to cultivation on the Ghar (see paragraph 21 of this Resolution) the decrease in remissions would appear to be largely due to the flexibility of the irrigational settlement.

The charge for Public Works Establishment shows a reduction of Rs. 23,785: Including the sums debitable to Capital, the Establishment charges were—

					1886-87.	1887-88. Rs.
Capital Revenue				:19	41,379 3,21,577	47,252 2,97,792
				A.	3,62,956	3,45,044

7. The net canal revenue (assessed) during the year was Rs. 20,33,543, as compared with Rs. 20,57,104 in 1886-87, showing a decrease of Rs. 23,561, or only 1 per cent., in spite of the heavy charges incurred. In both cases the charges for river embankments are treated as debits to revenue, though those for the bunds in Upper Sind are accounted for under Agricultural Works for which no Capital or Revenue Accounts are kept.

8. There were, it is reported, no very sweeping changes in the course of the river during 1887, but in the delta, where the river bifurcates, extensive erosion took place, and

further changes seem likely.

9. The suggestion made in paragraph 24 of last year's review, in regard to distinguishing between figures showing assessments and realizations, has been followed in the tables accompanying the report, but not in those given in the body of the report. Tables A and B in paragraphs 5 and 6 both show assessments, but in the latter and again in paragraph 7 the expression "consolidated revenue" is used where "consolidated assessments" are referred to. The Table C in the latter paragraph and Table D (a) in paragraph 10 include the irrigation share of the net consolidated assessments and actual receipts under Hakaba—an inconvenient combination: in respect of miscellaneous receipts included in Table C, it may not be feasible to give the assessments. There is a small discrepancy in the total shown as actual realizations in Table D, as compared with the corresponding figures in Tables D (a) and II

and 111.

10. The question of the irrigation in Khelat Territory is under reference to the Government of India, and it is hoped that arrangements may be made for the systematic assessment of the lands irrigated beyond the Frontier, and for the control of remissions and the punctual realization of the revenue. It is observed that the water supply was reported as good, and that, on the basis of partial measurements, a large increase in cultivation in Khelat Territory was at one time anticipated, but the returns show a decrease. In the Finance Accounts of the year, the Examiner explains the delay in realizing the revenue in Khelat Territory as due to the removal of the Naib and his establishment by His Highness the Khan of Khelat.

is not alluded to by the Superintending Engineer.

11. The sum shown as loss to the canals by the difference between the Hakaba levied on jaghir cultivation and the assessment thereon calculated at the ordinary rates in force for Government lands, is Rs. 4,00,830, as compared with Rs. 3,80,214 in the previous year. A large proportion of this loss is on the canals in the Hyderabad District. The Commissioner observes that in some instances additional contributions in the shape of enhanced Hakaba may be possible, and the subject is engaging his attention.

12. The Table E gives a comparison between assessments and realizations of the consolidated land and water revenue (not the total revenue as stated). The total for collection should

apparently be-

in 1886-87 was-

92.055 Outstandings 41,33,651 Net assessments of the year 42,25,706

instead of Rs. 42,05,183. A similar discrepancy was remarked upon last year, and it was subsequently explained as due to deductions of remissions on account of previous years. Instructions were given that explanation regarding such discrepancies should be given in future reports, but this has not been attended to. The form of Table E should be modified to afford the information in future.

13. The remissions of the year amounted to Rs. 61,937, or Rs. 74,482 less than the previous year, and with the exception of 1881-82 were considerably lower than in any of the previous six years. This, as observed by the Commissioner, is very satisfactory: the inference drawn therefrom as regards the state of the canals and the effect of the irrigational

settlement, has already been commented upon.

14. The statement made in paragraph 13 of the Superintending Engineer's report that the excess expenditure incurred in 1887-88 was rendered necessary by the short amount of grants in previous years and the consequent decay of the canals, requires some explanation. subject was reviewed at some length in a Resolution of this Government of 25th January

1888,* which showed that ever since 1881-82 inclusive, the estimate of the requirements put forward * No. 10 W. I.—188 A. of 1888. by the Irrigation Officers in Sind had been accepted by this Government, and not only so, but that the grants actually allotted were considerably in excess of those estimates. The expenditure

								Rs.
Major Works								1,20,178
Minor Works	•					•		7,07,744
	,							8,27,922
as compared with-								0,0,0
								Rs.
Major Works								1,52,000
Minor Works		•	300					6,64,000
								8,16,000

the estimate of requirements framed by the Superintending Engineer in 1884. It should be noted that as regards Major Works there never has been any difficulty or restriction on allotments, and the fact that the outlay was less than the estimate must be understood as implying that the canals of that class did not require a larger expenditure for their maintenance. It will be observed that the outlay on canals classed as Minor Works was in 1886-87 Rs. 43,744 in excess of the estimates of 1884. That this was sufficient may further be judged from the fact that no complaints as to the insufficiency of the clearance grants or as to the state of the canals were made in the Report for 1886-87. The inundation of 1886 was a very good one, and the Commissioner reported the results of the year "in all divisions were satisfactory so far as they could be controlled by the department." From the date of the enquiry ordered by the Secretary of State, or from 1881-82 to 1886-87 inclusive, therefore no complaint can hold good which would attribute any shortcomings in the state of the canals to short amount of grants in previous years, unless it is intended to imply that the estimates of requirements put forward by the then responsible officers were insufficient and that those officers were ignorant of the state in which the canals were, as the result of the expenditure which even exceeded those estimates.

or, as regards Minor Works, still considerably in excess of the estimate of requirements framed in 1884. In January 1887, before the issue of the Budget for 1887-88, the Superintending Engineer in Sind represented that this grant would be insufficient, and referring to a report he had written in February 1886 on the financial question of provincializing the works in Sind then under consideration, urged that the grant for repairs in 1887-88 should be increased to the amount therein estimated as the basis for such an arrangement, namely 9 lakhs. He further then reported that he had been sanctioning clearance estimates on the supposition that under the new Provincial contract the full amount of 9 lakhs would be granted for 1887-88. In other words, he had in 1886-87 been forestalling the grant for 1887-88 and in consequence in October 1887 his successor represented that only Rs. 1,34,429 were then in hand for the entire Province to commence work with and carry on up to 31st March 1888. He represented a further grant as absolutely necessary partly on these grounds and partly on the grounds that owing to the numerous rises and falls of the river during the previous season (1887) the canals were more silted than usual. A large additional grant was sanctioned on this representation, but it is evident from the foregoing explanation that it was necessitated partly to put a stop to the system of forestalling grants and partly by reason of special conditions resulting from the character of the inundation of the year 1887.

15. Further the allusion to the decay of the canals is refuted by evidence in the report itself, which shows that the canals were in excellent working order, and that, had this not been so, the revenue would have been affected by the poor inundation, and not have increased in the satisfactory way it is shown to have done. Moreover, if there was any such decay, it was the duty of the Superintending Engineer to have reported it at once. This was not done, neither is there any allusion to the matter, important as it is, in any of the previous Revenue Reports, and Government must regard the expression as one entirely unsupported by any evidence.

16. Government concur in the advantage financially of a liberal expenditure on canals in Sind, but the question as to the specific direction in which outlay may be made most productive is one requiring very careful consideration. As regards clearances it is observed that the revenue is dependent principally on the character of the inundation and not on actual bed clearances, and it is apparent that money spent in any one season on extraordinary bed clearances of the canals running much below the level of the country might be almost, if not entirely, wasted, if the following inundation was a favourable one. This is exemplified by the reports which show that in 1886-87, after a good inundation and comparatively small expenditure, there were no complaints, whereas in 1887-88, after a poor inundation and large expenditure there are demands for increased outlay. The outlay beyond a certain point is, in fact, only an insurance against an unfavorable inundation level, and it is a question if better average results would not be obtained by improvements in alignment, width, &c., rather than by extra clearance outlay, except perhaps on the tails of some of the canals, e.g., the Fuleli, which require thorough clearance as well as improvements.

17. The Commissioner, in paragraph 8 of his report, alludes to 9 lakhs of rupees a year, which he, the late Commissioner, and late Superintending Engineer, as well as the present Superintending Engineer, agree in considering essential for the ordinary clearance and maintenance of Sind canals. This is the estimate of February 1886, above referred to, and the amount is comprised as follows:

Major Wor					·	•		Rs. 1,31,000
Canals Bunds							Rs. 6,46,000 1,23,000	117
							1000000	7,69,000
								9,00,000

Transfers from the head Major Works to Minor Works are not allowable, and the foregoing statement is in excess of the actual demands under the head Major Works, as submitted in the Superintending Engineer's Budget for the last two years, which demands have been complied with in full:

The grant for 1888-89 Major Works Minor Works	waka								Rs. 1,24,000 7,99,000
									9,23,000
That for 1889-90 is—		-		•		mor (il)			Rs. 1,24,000 7,69,000
Major Works . Minor Works .			•	ŀ	•	•			8,93,000

The latter figures were communicated to the Superintending Engineer on 19th January last, the earliest possible date.

- 18. Government are not prepared to admit that the possible fluctuations in Budget grants under this head are such as to interfere with the preparation of a well-considered programme for the season's operations, but if it will in any way aid to such an end, it may be assumed that the grant will, as recommended, not be less in the ensuing five years than rupees 9 lakhs, of which Rs. 1,31,000 is for Major Works, the actual grant under that head being fixed according to the detailed Budgets.
- 19. The question of adjusting a portion of the cost of the maintenance of the river embankments in Upper Sind to the debit of the Railway is an accounts one. It is undoubtedly incorrect that the whole amount should be treated as a charge against the canal revenue, but in fact this is done in determining the net canal revenue of the Province for comparative purposes only. The outlay on the Kashmor and Kasimpur bunds in Upper Sind is accounted for under the head Agricultural Works for which no Capital or Revenue Accounts are kept. On the other hand, it is wrong that special repairs to protective embankments should, when required, be executed at the expense of the canals. This, however, is a matter which rests entirely with the Superintending Engineer, who, if special grants for embankments not solely for the protection of canal revenue are required, should represent it, and not sanction them by re-appropriation from the grants for canals. Such re-appropriations involve a transfer from Revenue Account Works to Agricultural Works, and it will perhaps be advisable to make a rule prohibiting such transfers without the previous sanction of Government. The question is moreover not of the importance that might be supposed from the figures given in Table G (a), as, for instance, out of the total of Rs. 1,82,743, shown as expenditure on repairs to bunds in 1887-88, Rs. 89,585 was on embankments in Lower Sind, purely for the protection of canal revenue, and therefore presumably just as essential as canal clearances.

20. The financial result of the four Major Works for the year are as follows:-

			Du	RING THE YEAR.		TO END OF THE YEAR.					
			Direct.	Indirect.	Total.	Direct.	Indirect	Total.			
Major Works— Capital Outlay	•		Rs. 1,87,226	Rs. 6,615	Rs. 1,93,841	Rs. 80,34,617	Rs. 2,76,461	Rs. 83,11,078			
Gross Revenue . Working Expenses		·	78,491 2,36,607	6,73,186 6,416	7,51,677 2,43,023	9,51,747 45,99,982	92,86,601 1,66,168				
Net Revenue Simple Interest .			Medicinal disease	5,08,654 3,17,639			54,72,198 47,45,216				
Net profit after payi est.	ng It	iter-		1,91,015			7,26,98	2			

In the previous year the net profit was Rs. 1,36,908, and the figures thus show an improvement of Rs. 54,107, or nearly 40 per cent. All the works show an increase except the Begari Canal, which suffered from a deficiency in the supply in the Dhand (side channel or back water) from which it is fed; its working expenses too were heavier than in the previous year. The increase was largest on the Eastern Nara Works, which show satisfactory progress.

The comparison with figures of the previous year is as follows:

Gross Revenue Working Expenses						1886-87. Rs. 6,81,883 2,35,776	1887-88. Rs. 7,51,677 2,43,023
	1	Net R	evenu	ie.	•	4,46,107	5,08,654

21. The Minor Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept show the following results, as compared with the previous year:

101111111111111111111111111111111111111			1886-87. Rs.	1887-88. Rs.
Capital Ou	itlay		32,11,184	32,11,184
* Includes Rs. 11,385 for indirect charges. † Includes Rs. 10,541 for	Gross Revenue . Working Expenses		8,98,310 4,40,503*	9,25,791 5,07,932†
indirect charges.	Net reven	ue .	4,57,807	4,17,859

The increase in Gross Revenue was principally on the Fuleli and Sukkur Canals: on the Ghar, on the other hand, there was again a large falling off, due to the lower assessment on jowari crops, which, owing to the deficient inundation, extensively replaced rice. The area of the latter crop fell from 128,889 acres in 1886-87 to 44,539 acres in 1887-88, while that of the former crop fell from 28,230 to 81,089 acres. The increase in Working Expenses was principally increased from 28,230 to 81,089 acres. The increase in Working Expenses was principally on the Sukkur Canal and Fuleli: on the former Rs. 14,036, and on the latter Rs. 66,124.

22. The class "Works for which only Revenue Accounts are kept" gave the following results:

er Nadarin (1990) (Konstron Osmoodia – garin Osmoodia (1900)						1886-87. Rs.	1887-88. Rs.
Gross Revenue						18,05,069	18,16,712
Working Expenses					٠	8,47,630	10,02,394
		Net	Rever	nue .		9,57,439	8,14,318
				* 3		-	-

23. Under the head "Agricultural Works for which neither Capital nor Revenue Accounts are kept," which includes the Kashmor and Kassimpur Bunds in Upper Sind, the figures of the year compare with those of the previous year as follows:

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Outlay-						1886-87.	1887-88.
						Rs.	Rs.
Original Works						1,07,655	52,035
Repairs						37,334	40,165
Establishment a	ls and		t.			27,790	19,595
Collection charge			busine.		,	965	696
			TOTAL			1,73,744	1,12,491
		34					
Receipts-						194	254
Direct .				•	7	9,652	6,958
Indirect .				•		9,052	•
	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e					• 9,846	7,212
						-	40A AND

The decrease in expenditure is on the Loop Bund near Kashmor. The decrease in revenue is not explained, but is probably due to the deficient inundation.

24. Recapitulating the results of the year under all heads, they were as follows:

	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.	Net Revenue.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Major Works	7,51,677	2,43,023	5,08,654
Minor Works—			
Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept	9,25,791	5,07,932	4,17,859
Works for which only Revenue Accounts are kept	18,16,712	10,02,394	8,14,318
110111111111111111111111111111111111111	34,94,180	17,53,349	17,40,831
Agricultural Works	7,212	1,12,491	-1,05,279
Agricultura 11 vas	35,01,392	18,65,840	16,35,552

The figures under Gross Revenue exclude the average net revenue before improvement on the Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept. The deduction on this account was Rs. 4,03,007, and with this addition the total is Rs. 39,04,399, as follows:

		. Rs.
Irrigation share of collections of year, Table E.		37,46,333
Hakaba, Table III	ene.	1,12,503
Miscellaneous Receipts, Table III	81.0	45,290
		39,04,126

This discrepancy of Rs. 273 is not explained.

Again under Working Expenses, the figures differ from those in previous portions of the report by reason of the inclusion here of Rs. 16,957 for indirect charges (Leave and Pension Allowances). The following is an analysis of the total expenditure other than Capital during the year:

			MINOR WORKS.		
	Major Works.	Works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept.	Works for which only Revenue - Accounts are kept,	Agricultural Works.	Total.
Extensions and Improvements.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Canals	*	17,552	4,697	1,454	23,703
Works Bunds			93,136	50,581	1,43,717
Establishment and Tools and Plant		4,226	21,729	10,721	36,676
Total	er ebesage F	21,778	1,19,562	62,756	2,04,096
Maintenance and Repairs.			an of the		
Repairs Canals	1,21,620	3,12,570	4,23,941	608	8,58,739
Bunds			1,43,186	39,557	1,82,743
Public Works Establishment and Tools and Plant	46,330	a 71,260	1,34,652	8,874	2,61,116
Refunds of Revenue	10 0 	19			19
Total Maintenance and Repairs	1,67,950	3,83,849	7,01,779	49,039	13,02,617
Total in Public Works Department	1,67,950	4,05,627	8,21,341	1,11,795	15,06,713
Civil Establishment (collection charges) .	68,657	91,764	1,81,053	696	3,42,170
Indirect charges	6,416	10,541			16,957
GRAND TOTAL	2,43,023	5,07,932	10,02,394	1,12,491	18,65,840

^{25.} The duty of the water per cubic foot per second shown in Table VIII. shows an improvement in every case as compared with the previous year, except on the Begari and Fuleli Canals and the Imamwah. In the case of the Fuleli the figures show an increase in the area of rice cultivation from 147,282 to 160,694 acres, but this may be due to the change of system in gauging this canal, referred to in paragraph 20 of the Superintending Engineer's report. It is explained that under the former system the discharge used off the old Fuleli head was omitted, and presumably the area cultivated thereon also: now both are included. The normal rates of duty, namely 50 acres per cubic foot per second for a dry crop canal and 30 acres per cubic foot per second for a wet crop canal, seem fair for the purposes of estimating the financial prospects of future proposals for new canals. The former figure is perhaps high and the latter somewhat low.

^{26.} This review deals with the main features of the year's operations and incidentally with the question of the clearance grant, which the remarks in the report appeared to call for.

The memorandum by the Commissioner in Sind refers to several matters affecting canal administration generally, and will be carefully enquired into and dealt with separately. With this in view the recommendation and suggestions should in the first instance be referred for the opinion and remarks of the Superintending Engineer in Sind and Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

- 27. Government concur with the Commissioner in Sind in the opinion that the report should in future comprise a more complete account of the operations of the year under all heads. The matter is of such importance that the fullest details should be available for criticism and as a record for future comparison. It is also imperative that there should be no discrepancies in the figures, or where such are unavoidable they should be fully explained.
- 28. Government are pleased to observe that the Commissioner bears testimony to the excellent work done by Mr. Lambert, the Superintending Engineer, and the officers of the Department during the year, and are further glad to notice the encomium passed on Messrs. Coghlan, Young, and Single for the condition and management of the canals in their respective districts.
- 29. Copies of the report and of this review should be forwarded to the Government of India and Secretary of State for India, as usual.

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No. 399 of 1889.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, Camp Tharwah, 31st January 1889.

- * Superintending Engineer's letter No. 3861, dated the 20th December 1888, forwarding Sind Irrigation Revenue Report for 1857-88.
- * Submitted to Government.
- 2. The Superintending Engineer's report submitted on the 20th December 1888, reached the Commissioner on the 1st January 1889. The date of submission is three days earlier than in the previous year. Last year's report was delayed because discrepancies discovered in Canal Returns VIII and VIII-A had to be rectified, and also because the preparation of the report was new to Mr. Lambert, who had besides very heavy current work which took up most of his time. This year the delay is attributed to the non-receipt from the Examiner of—the General Revenue Accounts, the General Abstract of Financial results and other statements, and also to "the pressure of other work" in Mr. Lambert's office. The returns from the Examiner did not reach Mr. Lambert until the 7th December and the report was not taken in hand until the 12th. The actual preparation of the report thus appears to have taken only seven or eight days, so that the responsibility for the delay, which has been the subject of telegraphic communication from Government, would appear to rest with the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
- 3. The season was on the whole favorable. The inundation was somewhat irregular and deficient, but the rainfall was seasonable and the prices of produce ruled unusually high. The rain that fell in the kharif season saved crops that would have suffered from the low inundation, and throughout the rabi season heavy showers were frequent all over the province and brought to maturity a bumper rabi crop. The remissions asked for and granted were below the average of recent years, the deficiency in outturn in some localities having been counterbalanced by the high prices obtained for grain and seeds. The areas (kharif and rabi) cultivated, the realizations on account of Canal Revenue, and the remissions granted in each Canal Division during the year under report are contrasted with those of the preceding year in the following table:

1 660			to by		AREA CULTIVATED.	HITASED.	1887-88.	by the ? (i.e.,		AREA CULTIVATED	divares.	CONTRAST.	by the	-	
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161	191,519 12,706	4,31,371	8,69,932	20,335	196,167	13,423	4,35,947	3,80,624	13,032	+ 4,648	4 717	4,576	+	10,692 —	7,303
96	96,444 22,179	3,43,293	3,08,363	899	97,469	28,086	3,58,403	3,22,473	101	+ 1,016	+ 5,907	011'91 + 1	+	14,110	299
. 338	338,233 32,778	12,47,369	10,39,583	92,277	316,696	54,314	11,67,072	611,18,01	738,12	- 21,537	+ 21,536	462'08 - 8	1	8,464 -	70,890
102	102,486 30,703	703 2,85,098	2,56,550	43	128,197	89,948	3,51,068	3,15,802	171	+ 25,711	+ 9,245	046'99 + 9	+	+ 29,252 +	134
286	286,077 23,495	6,70,142	6,00,052	3,418	288,523	181'61	6,85,083	6,13,847	3,031	+ 2,446	4,314	4 + 14,941	+	13,795 -	387
196	196,373 17,893	593 5,27,576	4,74,182	707	210,294	26,766	5,91,154	5,29,157	3,203	+ 13,921	+ 8,873	3 + 63,578	+	+ 276,49	2,496
196	196,646 46,134	6,19,899	5,40,837	18,971	200,879	33,693	6,06,861	5,27,269	21,006	+ 4,233	- 12,441	1 - 13,038	1	13,568 +	2,085
1,407,778	185,888	88 41,24,748	35,89,499	1,36,419	1,438,216	215,411	41,95,588	87,20,291	486,19	+ 30,438	+ 29,523	+	70,840 +1,30,792	1 1	74,482

The principal extensions of kharif cultivation occurred on the Eastern Nara and Fuleli Canals. That on the Eastern Nara Canals is in keeping with the steady growth of cultivation observed there for some years past, and that on the Fuleli is due to the clearance of one of the tails in the Badin Taluka that restored to cultivation lands that had been swamped for some years. The increase on these canals amounts to about 40,000 acres, and that on all other canals, except on those in the Ghar Division where the extent of kharif cultivation was less by about 22,000 acres than in 1886-87, aggregates 12,343 acres. The decline of cultivation in the Ghar Division, which has been progressive for several years, is due to the vagaries of the river in the neighbourhood of the two mouths of the Ghar Cana!. The chief increase of rabi cultivation (21,536 acres) occurred in the Ghar Division and is made up as

								Acres.
Sukkur Canal								5,258
Ghar Canal .						1		7,566
Western Nara				 course.				8,113
Wahar Canal		S OF	•					585
Bands .								14
					To	TAL	y 1901 1904 1904	21.536

Of these canals the Sukkur Canal is the only one that carries a Rabi supply. tion on the other canals abovementioned and on most other canals in Sind is from waterings obtained during the kharif season aided by showers that almost always fall in the cold weather and by well irrigation. Well cultivation has been greatly extended in recent years, especially in the Hyderabad and Shikarpur Districts.

4. The river began to rise on the 12th May and reached on the 15th a height of 8'7"; fluctuating slightly between the 15th and 20th, it fell a little till the 25th, when it rose again and, with one slight fall in the interval, reached 10'5" on the 8th June. Then followed a and, with one slight fall in the interval, reached 10' 5" on the 8th June. Then followed a gradual fall to 8' 4" on the 2nd July, when it began to rise once more, and finally attained its maximum height for the year (16' 7") on the 18th August.

5. It would appear from this account of the inundation that the river had risen sufficiently high in the contract of May to have a final description of the contract of

ciently high in the early part of May to have afforded many of the canals their first supply; but, except in the case of a few canals, the supply in the river was not made available to cultivators till the end of the month or the early part of June. The report shows for some canals, but not for others, the dates on which they were opened. The Fuleli and Eastern Nara. Canals and some others, were opened in good time. Those in the Hyderabad Canals Division were the latest of all. It appears from other correspondence that only two of these canals were opened before the end of May. The rest were opened on various dates between the 1st and 15th June, a fortnight to three weeks later than in the preceding year, and consequently lost the benefit of the first rise of the river. Water was not admitted into some of them until after the second rise had begun to subside.

6. Mr. Lambert dwells on the disheartening effect which a low inundation in June has on the cultivators in curtailing their preparations for cultivation, &c., but, from what the Commissioner has learned from reports by Collectors and seen and heard in the course of his tours, he is convinced that the loss of the first rise in the river has a still more serious effect. With the first appearance of water in the canals the people begin to bestir themselves to make preparations for cultivation and, even if the supply comes in before the time has arrived for sowing the staple crops, it is most valuable for drinking purposes and for the growth of green forage and vegetables, as well as for raising seedlings and for wetting land for the plough. There can be no doubt that the area of cultivation is diminished, and that both cultivators and the revenue suffer, when preparations for cultivation are unnecessarily and unduly delayed. Complaints by cultivators of delays in opening canals, and of calls made on them for assistance in completing clearance at times when they ought to have been working in their own fields, have not been absent in recent years.

7. All canals should be in working order by the 15th May at latest, and all ordinary clearance should be completed by the 30th April, to allow of the work done by contractors being measured up and checked before water comes in and renders exact measurement impossible. The popular view—which is very openly expressed—is that contractors in some Divisions delay clearance work in order to prevent check measurements being made by the European officers of the Public Works Department. The Commissioner expresses no opinion as to the correctness or incorrectness of this view, or as to the responsibility attaching to individual officers for delays that have occurred, but as even greater delay in opening canals occurred in 1888, and as delay has again occurred in beginning clearance in some talukas for the current season, notwithstanding the efforts that have been made to press on this work, the Commissioner considers that occasion has arisen for his bringing the subject prominently to the notice of

8. The clearance of silt from canals and the repair of their embankments and heads form the chief work of the Irrigation Department in Sind, and on its due execution the agricultural prosperity of the province mainly depends. A very large quantity of such work, scattered over nearly 6,000 miles of canals, has to be done in the six months of each working season, and though it is work of a simple kind, close supervision must be exercised over it while it is in progress, because much of it is lost to sight as soon as water enters the canals, and contractors can and will scamp it unless they are well looked after. It is of great importance, therefore, that clearance should be begun early, and that Executive Engineers and their chief subordinates should be constantly on the move and exercising supervision throughout the working season. Most of the canals are dry in October, and clearance might well be put in hand early in November, but as a matter of fact very little is done before

January; the whole time of the establishments during the first two months of the season by the departmental rules. The Commissioner is aware that the Superintending Engineer and other officers have done all in their power to bring about an earlier beginning of clearand other officers have done in the tree problem of the current season, but very little improvement has resulted, and it seems scarcely possible that much more will be obtained unless the preliminaries to the execution of work are simplified. Then again, when works are in progress, Executive Engineers and Overseers are unable to devote the amount of personal attention they would wish to give to their outdoor duties of supervision and measurement, as they are constantly occupied in rendering returns and accounts and explanations to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, the preparation of which confines them to their offices. Some special rules for canal clearance work in Sind, as regards preliminaries to the execution of work, as well as the rendering of accounts and returns of work in progress, would seem to be urgently called for. The executive work of the department would also be greatly facilitated, and the money granted for clearance and maintenance would certainly be more economically and profitably spent, if a definite programme of works to be carried out in each working season could be settled some time before the opening of the season. This is impossible under existing arrangements, as the annual grant for clearance and maintenance is not a fixed amount, and the Budget allotments* for expendi-

* Those for 1889-90, i.e., for expenditure after 31st March 1889 have not yet been announced.

ture in the latter part of each season are not announced until after the season has well advanced.

This subject has already been brought to the notice of Government, and the Commissioner would strongly recommend that the grant for the next five years be fixed at 9 lakhs of rupees a year, the amount which the late and present Commissioner and the late and present Superintending Engineer for Irrigation are agreed in considering essential for the ordinary clearance and maintenance of Sind canals. If a fixed annual grant cannot be conceded, the amount to be expended in each entire season should be settled and announced not later than the month

of July in each year.

In para. 3 of his report Mr. Lambert notes with satisfaction the effect of the protec-9. tive embankments in Upper Sind in improving the river supply to all canals below Sehwan. With reference to similar observations in the report for 1886-87, Government expressed a desire (paras. 8 and 9 of Government Resolution No. 48 W. I. 662 of 1888) that the subject might be further studied and investigated. The present report, however, adds little to the These embankments, which line the right bank information previously before Government. only of the river above Schwan, were practically completed 9 years ago, and the officers of the Irrigation Department must have formed an opinion by this time of their effects on cultivation, and of their success financially. Since their completion a chain of similar embankments has been gradually extended along both banks of the river, from a point a few miles south of Hyderabad and Kotri to the Delta proper. This double line of embankments does not seem to have been built in pursuance of any definitely stated and sanctioned project, but piece by piece, and the Commissioner has not been able to find any clear exposition of the conditions affected by the undertaking or of the objects it was intended to achieve. The artificial raising of the flood level of the Indus described by Mr. Lambert extends over the part of the river walled-in by embankments on either side, as well as for some distance above it. The influence of the tides makes itself felt within the double line of bunds, and impedes the outflow through them of the river when in flood. The rise in the flood level brought to notice by Mr. Lambert did not apparently attract attention until after considerable progress had been made in the Lower Sind embankments, and may very likely be connected with their construction. It seems to the Commissioner that there may possibly be danger here in years of excessive inundation, or on the occurrence of cyclones or unusually high tides during the inundation season, of some disastrous accident like that which happened on the Missisipi under somewhat similar conditions a few years ago. The embankments on both sides of the river have been breached in almost every year since they were built, although as yet they have been subjected to the pressure of only moderate inundations. They have lately been raised to a height above that of the original design, and the level of the floods held between them must now frequently rise to several feet above that of the surrounding country. In this connexion, the Commissioner invites attention to remarks made by Mr. Lambert in para. 79 of this year's report, as follows:—"although considerable sums have been expended on these embankments "during the last few years, their relative strength has not been increased, as the highest level of the river has been yearly rising and almost outstripping the improvements to the bunds." There has been no unusual flood in the Indus since the Upper Sind embankments were completed. The lands on the unprotected left bank have enjoyed equal immunity from destructive floods with those on the right bank since 1880, while the lands on both banks were flood-swept several times between 1874 and 1880, and similar floods may again occur in any year.

10. As regards the effect of the Upper Sind embankments on cultivation between Kashmor and Sehwan, the cultivation affected is that of (a) the whole of the Upper Sind Frontier District; (b) the Sukkur, Larkana, and Mehar Sub-divisions of the Shikarpur District; (c) the Dadu, Johi and Sehwan Talukas of the Karachi District. It must be remembered that

† The greater part of the cultivation on the left bank of the river in the Shikarpur District (the Rohri Sub-division) is on lands watered by floods. The revenue collected in these talukas exceeds 5 lakhs of rupees a year.

floods that caused extensive damage have never been of very frequent occurrence, and that the action of all floods is beneficial to the extent to which they may water lands not supplied by canals, and increase and prolong the duration of the supply

in the lower reaches of canals. Before the embankments were made the spill from the river wetted lands for kharif cultivation, and filled shallow depressions that were cultivated with rabi crops when the water dried up, as well as deeper depressions that fed the tails of canals, besides giving a direct supply that was lifted on to lands for rabi cultivation and providing large stretches of good grazing. This spill is now completely shut out from Kashmor to Sehwan, and the only water that the protected lands regularly receive is the canal supply, which, except in the Upper Sind Frontier District, is no larger now than it was before the embankments were built. The natural consequence is a vast diminution of the grazing area, as well as of the supply to lands that formerly were cultivated on flood water and to the lower reaches of main canals and their branches, and a general drying up of the lands within the protected area.

11. The heavy floods that did the greatest amount of damage to kharif cultivation and threatened the North-Western Railway and the Military Cantonment at Jacobabad swept in through the Upper Sind Frontier District. The Kashmor and Begari Bunds that were built to exclude them were the first Bunds built, and there can be no question as to their usefulness. They have of course shut out water that was useful along with that which did damage, but the canal supply of the Upper Sind Frontier District has been considerably increased since they were constructed and the result in that district of the twofold improvement is a large increase in the cultivated area. The Shahdadpur Taluka, watered by the tails of the Begari and Ghar Canals, is the only part of the District in which the supply is now deficient. The case as regards the protected area of the Shikarpur and Karachi Districts is quite different. Here there has been no increase of canal-supply since the flood-waters were shut out by embankments. The effect of their construction is illustrated in the following statement, which shows the areas under cultivation in the protected talukas of the Shikarpur District in each year since 1873-74, and the average cultivation for the 6 years before, and for the 9 years after, the completion of the embankments.

Vo.	Year.	Kharif.	Rabi.	Total.		Remissions.		Net Revenue Realizations.		Remarks.
		A. G.	A. G.	Α.	G.	96°				
1	1873-74	420,337 27	117,888 9	538,225	36	1,10,238 15	1	12,36,064 4	1 7	
2	1874-75	467,757 34	174,227 30	641,985	24	2,41,818 11	10	11,58,088 10	11	Flood year.
3	1875-76	398,267 27	132,331 9	530,598	36	31,991 9	5	12,20,861 13	3 11	100
4	1876-77	450,018 19	232,891 33	682,910	12	2,13,937 11	10	11,73,289	3 2	Flood year.
5	1877-78	349,882 9	123,757 16	473,639	25	* 1,970 7	0	12,09,898	5 8	
6	1878-79	482,454 32	247,204 7	729,658	39	35 8	0	14,76,791	7 7	Flood year.
	TOTAL	2,568,718 28	1,028,300 24	3,597,019	12	5,99,992 15	2	74,74,993 13	3 10	
	Average for six years.	428,119 31	171,383 17	599,603	8	99,998 13	2	12,45,832	5 0	
7	1879-80	357,434 8	134,358 9	491,792	17	5,858 10	0	12,51,567	2 6	
8	1880-81	419,240 27	81,696 13	500,937	0	14.271 7	0	12,67,729	4 0	
9	1881-82	Details not	obtainable.	559,607	37	10,082 5	0	16,16,109 10	0 0	
10	1882-83	Dit	to.	* 619,654	10	71,105 1	0	18,39,313	4 0	* Floods in
11	1883-84	Dit	to.	469,267	8	22,593 12	0	16,18,252	5 0	CONTRACTOR STATE
12	1884-85	419,062 2	125,575 0	544,637	2	26,370 10	6	18,41,526	1 6	
13	1885-86	391,402 7	94,586 18	485,088	25	1,15,211 11	0	15,91,506	6 0	
14	1886-87	427,149 32	85,743 24	512,893	16	96,043 5	0	16,17,341	9 0	
15	1887-88	385,824 22	106,371 7	492,195	29	18,620 14	0	15,71,747	2 0	
	TOTAL	2,400,113 18	628,830 31	4,676,973	24	3,80,157 11	6	1,42,15,093	3 0	
	Average for 9 years total culti- vation.	···	*	519,663	29	42,239 11	11	15,79,454 1	2 10	.5v) .5v
	Do. 6 years Kha- rif and Rabi.	4,00,018 36	104,722			-12				

12. It will be observed that the total cultivation has fallen from an average of 599,503 acres for the 6 years ending 1878-79 to one of 519,663 acres for the 9 years ending

The discrepancy between the figures showing total cultivation and those showing kharif and rabi cultivation separately arises from the circumstance that details are wanting of kharif and rabi cultivation for three of the series of years to which the total cultivation figures relate.

1887-88; and that kharif cultivation has diminished by 28,100 acres and rabi cultivation by 66,661* acres for the same periods. The actual diminution of cultivation is probably greater than that shown by these figures, for the reason that under the settlements in force in the earlier years

of the series, assessment was levied only on areas actually cultivated as ascertained by annual inspection and measurement; whereas, under the settlements recently introduced, whenever any portion of a survey number is cultivated the entire number is entered as cultivated and assessment is levied accordingly. The figures in the statement show areas assessed throughout. As might be expected, the contraction in rabi cultivation is much greater than in kharif cultivation, and it would have been greater than it has been were it not for the large number of wells that have been dug in recent years to supplement the canal supply. The decrease in the area cultivated, again, does not fully represent the losses suffered by cultivators, as the outturn of many fields on which assessment has been paid has been seriously diminished by the insufficiency of the available water-supply. Figures have been added to the statement showing the amounts remitted and the net revenue collected in each year of the series. The remissions granted since the embankments were built show a decrease averaging about Rs. 58,000 a year, and the net revenue realizations have increased by nearly Rs. 5,34,000 a year, notwithstanding the contraction of the cultivated area. The increased realizations are almost entirely due to changes in the settlements and rates of assessment levied, introduced during the last 10 years.

13. Cultivation returns for the three northern talukas of the Karachi District, which now depends mainly upon the lower half of the Western Nara, will be submitted separately. The results of the shutting out of the floods from these talukas are similar to those above shown for the Shikarpur District. The same cause has operated to diminish the supply in the Manchar Lake, where cultivation has decreased seriously, especially in the last two years.

14. Throughout the whole of the protected area in the Shikarpur and Karachi Districts the supply towards the tails of all main canals and branches is altogether insufficient, and a general displacement and transfer of cultivation has taken place. The water-supply is now used up on lands lying on the upper reaches of main canals and branches, where, since protection has been afforded by the embankments, cultivation has increased. The zamindars holding lands on the lower reaches of canals have suffered greatly, and there is urgent need for expenditure to restore to them the water-supply that they have lost. This displacement of cultivation is a serious matter. In some cases, but not in all, it has arisen from causes beyond administrative control. The Revenue Department and the Irrigational Department share responsibility for allowing landholders on the upper reaches of canals to use for the extension of their own cultivation water that properly belongs to lands lower down the canals. Many instances have come to the Commissioner's notice in which cultivators have been deprived, as it seems to him unfairly, of their customary water-supply, through the extension of cultivation, or the substitution of rice for dry crop cultivation, on lands higher up the canals. The attention of Collectors and Executive Engineers has been called to this subject. The rules under the irrigational settlements, which permit zamindars to cultivate without restriction rice or any other crop they please, are partly in fault and will be amended. Under former settlements landholders were not allowed to extend their rice cultivation without permission and it will be necessary to restore the old rule, or to enforce some equivalent precaution.

15. The statement in para. 11 above shows that 80,000 acres in Shikarpur, now barren, were cultivated 10 years ago. To this must be added the area thrown out of cultivation in the Karachi District. The contraction of cultivation in the Shikarpur and Karachi Districts, and in the Shahdadpur Taluka, which was transferred a few years ago from Shikarpur to the Upper Sind Frontier District, that has followed the construction of the Upper Sind embankments does not fall far short of 100,000 acres, and there can be no doubt that the resident population can cultivate quite as much land now as it did before 1880. The wealth and resources of the whole province, and especially of Upper Sind, have been greatly augmented by the large Government expenditure on supplies for the Afghan campaigns, and at Quetta, and on railway works in Sind and Baluchistan, while the growth of well cultivation and the high prices now obtainable for land with a canal supply show how eager the people are to taken at between 3 and 4 rupees per acre, so that Government will be quite safe in expending 50 lakhs of rupees, or more if necessary, in improving its water-supply. The Commissioner does not think that any improvement of existing canals will suffice to give with constancy the additional supply required, because these canals draw water from a part of the river that is always shifting; their heads are eroded in one year and in another obstructed by silt deposits thrown in front of them, and the discharge through them is always precarious. He would strongly recommend Government to take into immediate consideration the construction of a large supply channel taking off from the river above Sukkur, where its course is more permanently established than in any other locality, to feed the whole system of Ghar Canale, and if is now used up on the lands near the river, and the scheme should embrace the feeding of the tails of that canal. There is a very much better chance of a permanently profitable investment here than in the construction of new feeders

river supply from any place below Sukkur. The supply of any new feeders constructed there will be just as precarious and unreliable as that of the present channels feeding the Ghar and Western Nara Canals.

- 16. As regards the effect of the embankments on cultivation below Sehwan. Although the rise in the inundation level noticed by Mr. Lambert has raised the lead of water in all canals below that town, no great increase of cultivation has taken place upon them as yet. In the Hyderabad District there is every prospect of a very large increase after the completion of improvements to canals in the Hyderabad and Fuleli Canals Divisions of which a beginning has now been made, out there is no such prospect in the Karachi District, on account of the scantiness of the population and the unhealthiness of the Delta Talukas.
- 17. Speaking of the embanments generally, the Kashmor and Begari Bunds, and those for some distance below Sukkur, as well as others protecting particular points on the river, are no doubt works of the greatest utility; but the question whether it is safe and otherwise expedient to maintain a continuous chain of embankments along the whole course of the river through Sind would seem to need very careful investigation. The fact that this work has been carried out without sufficient examination of all the conditions involved has already been noticed. The Fulcli Canals and those in the Karachi District were not designed or constructed to carry the additional head of water forced into them by the rise in the flood-level of the river brought about by the construction of the embankments, and large expenditure will yet have to be incurred in raising and strengthening their banks, and in providing drainage channels and escapes for the outflow of their surplus waters, as well as on strengthening the river embankments, if the present head of water is maintained in the river. The remarks made in paras. 79 and 80 of Mr. Lambert's report regarding the flooding of the Delta Talukas and the need for strengthening the banks of the Baghar Canal and for additions to the river embankments should be read in this connexion.
- 18. The average expenditure on river embankments during the last 6 years, as shown in para. 14 of Mr. Lambert's report, exclusive of the cost of supervising establishments, and the interest on the original cost of construction, has amounted to Rs. 1,90,000 a year. The heavy outlay on their maintenance has necessitated a corresponding curtailment of expenditure on the clearance and repair of canals, and is one of the causes of the unsatisfactory condition of the canals of the Hyderabad District. The charges on account of abkalani establishment employed on these embankments are enormous and have been increasing, although apparently they ought to have been reduced as embankments constructed in the earlier years became consolidated. The Commissioner is inclined to the opinion that the embanking of the river generally has been overdone and specially so in Lower Sind, and that the question of the maintenance of the embankments in the Delta Talukas should be considered not merely with reference to their own cost and the risks attendent on them, but also with reference to the expenditure on improvements to canals and drainage that their maintenance will necessitate and the revenue results that the entire expenditure may be expected to produce. The Upper Sind embankments should also be examined, and, if practicable, regulators should be built in them to admit spill-water from the river at places where it can be profitably utilised for grazing and rabi cultivation. Some of the depressions through which flood-water used to enter in former years might apparently be put to good account in this manner.
- 19. With reference to the remarks in para. 6 of Mr. Lambert's report regarding the grant of remissions, it should be stated that remissions are never granted when a cultivator who has only sufficient water to grow a dry crop—bajri or juari for instance—speculates and tries to grow rice, or any other crop that requires a superior supply. They are only granted in cases in which cultivation reasonably attempted has failed through insufficiency of the water-supply or has been injured by floods or other causes beyond the cultivator's control.
- 20. The figures given in paras. 7 and 8 of Mr. Lambert's report are for the financial year ending March 31st, and on that date, as explained in para. 5 of the Commissioner's forwarding remarks on the report for 1886-87, several in talments remain to be received. The collections on account of hakaba in the revenue year show an increase of Rs. 4 291-4-11 over those of the previous year. The miscellaneous revenue is collected by the Revenue Department direct, and by the Mukhtyarkars on the requisition of the Executive Engineers. The decrease is mostly in the Eastern Nara and Fuleli Divisions and is principally due to decreased receipts from farms of fisheries in canals and dhands. The following statement shows the state of outstanding balances at the end of the revenue year 1887-88 as contrasted with those of the previous year:

				REVENUE FOR 1887:58.					
No.	District.	Outstanding balances of last year 1885-87, (i.e., 18t August	Gross Berenue.	Deduct Remissions.	Net Revenue for Collection,	Total Revenue for collection (viz., total) of Columns 3 and 6).	Total Collections,	Outstanding Balances on 1st August 1888.	Remarks.
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A STATE OF THE STA	TOTAL	53,296 15 6	1,18,157 2 4	1,255 0 0	1,16,902 2 4	1,70,199 1 10	1,36,633 10	5 33,565 7 5	
	Revenue for 1886-87 Deduct amount written off as irrecoverable in Kalat territory Net amount	87,109 6 0 24,942 4 0 62,167 2 0	1,23,642 0 0	169 13 0	1,23,472 3 0	1,85,639 5 0	1,32,342 . 6	6 63,296 15 6	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	Increase	8,870 2 6		1,085 3 0	6,570 0 8	15,440 3 2	4,291 4 11	1	

The outstanding balances are chiefly an account of hakaba on lands in Kalat territory. The Government of Bombay referred to this subject in para. 15 of their Resolution No. 48 W. I. 622 of 27th March 1888, and the Government of India in their Resolution No. 96 L., dated 22nd May 1888, remarked that "matters connected with Irrigation Revenue and Remissions" were not in a satisfactory condition in Kalat territory. Sandra are remarked that sions" were not in a satisfactory condition in Kalat territory. See also correspondence ending with this office No. 3244 of 12th September 1888.

- The Commissioner fails to follow Mr. Lambert in the remarks made in the 9th para. of the report regarding the two classes of political pensioners. It is hardly correct to speak of the Jagirdars of Sind as "Imperial Pensioners." A few of them received jagirs in lieu of pensions after the conquest, but the majority of them are properly speaking privileged landholders; and in some cases they or their predecessors in title originally excavated canals now controlled by the Irrigation Department and were in possession of their estates and can als now controlled by the Irrigation Department and were in possession of their estates and water-supply before Sind became a British province. In such cases it would be by no means easy to make the adjustments suggested; still, the Commissioner has no doubt that in some instances, notably in the case of jagirs in the Hyderabad District, additional contributions in the shape of enhanced hakaba may be possible, and this subject is engaging his attention.
- 22. The balances reported in Mr. Lambert's para. 11 agree with those given by the Collectors and Deputy Commissioners as outstanding at the end of the revenue year. In the Upper Sind Frontier District postponements were granted in the Shadadpur Taluka on account of deficient water-supply, and there is a disputed item due by Mazari Chiefs residing in the Dera Gazi Khan District of the Punjab, who refuse to pay until the terms on which they are to be allowed to hold land on the Frontier of Upper Sind are settled. This matter is before Government. In Karachi, postponements were granted by the Collector up to December 1888 and April 1889, owing to failure of crops, and there are some items due by the Manager, Incumbered Estates. In Shikarpur and Hyderabad the balances are due principal-Manager, Incumbered Estates. In Shik ly by the Manager, Incumbered Estates.
- 23. The diminution in remissions granted, reported by Mr. Lambert in para. 12, is very The largest remissions for the year occurred in the Begari, Ghar, and Karachi satisfactory. The largest remissions for the year occurred in the Begari, Ghar, and Karachi Divisions. Those in the two former were mainly due to insufficiency of water-supply in the tails of the canals, and those in the Karachi District to breaching of the river embankments.
- 24. The Commissioner considers it unnecessary to follow Mr. Lambert in his detailed observations on the working of the various canals, but he will state his opinion on this subject generally, as well as with respect to several details noticed by the Superintending Engineer on which comment seems desirable. The canals in the Upper Sind Frontier District are in good order, and do the full work required of them, except in the Shadadpur Taluka, the irrigation of which is to be transferred from the Begari to the Sukkur Canal when the improvements suggested for the latter are carried out. The same may be said of the Eastern Nara Canals. The condition and management of the canals in these two divisions reflects, in the Commissioner's opinion, very great credit on the Executive Engineers who have long held charge of them, Messrs. J. A. Coghlan, and J. Young. An additional water-supply for held charge of them, Messrs. J. A. Coghlan, and J. Young. An additional water-supply for part of the Upper Sind Frontier District is immediately available if the head regulator on the Sind Dora (where it passes through the Kashmor Bund) is worked. Inquiries are being made with a view to the early utilisation of this supply, if practicable. The few canals in the Shikarpur Division are in fair order, and the irrigational condition of the division is creditable to Mr. Single, the Executive Engineer in charge, though undue delay occurred in opening the canals in the year under report. The canals in the Ghar Division, excepting the Sukkur Canal, have not worked well for some years, owing to constant changes in the river. They also were not opened soon enough in the year under report. The supply they carry is quite insufficient to meet the present requirements of cultivation. An increase in the rabi supply admitted into the Sukkur Canal is very desirable, and apparently might be provided at very moderate cost by increasing the wery desirable, and apparently might be provided at very moderate cost by increasing the discharge capacity of the regulator. The deficient supply in come branches of the Ghar has been supplemented at different times by cutting feeders to them from the Western Nara. This abstraction of water from the Nara has of course reduced the supply in the lower part of that canal, and has caused a contraction of profitable cultivation in the Karachi District, causing loss and hardship to remainders who had a better claim to the supply. The Commissioners loss and hardship to zamindars who had a better claim to the supply. The Commissioner-entirely agrees with Mr. Lambert as to the expediency of placing the whole of the Western Nara under the charge of a single Executive Engineer.

25. The canals of the Hyderabad District, speaking generally, are not in a statisfactory state. Those in the Hyderabad Canals Division are low-level "lift" canals, and sufficient attention has not been paid to them for some years. Few, if any of them, have been cleared to their bed stones or to their full width, and the heads of some of them are in bad order. The expenditure made on them from the clearance grant for the last five years is shown in Years. | Clearance. | Repairs. | Establishments. | the margin. It will be noticed that the expenditure of the control of th

Years.	Clearance.	Repairs.	Establishments.
1882-83	1,20,914	11,210	18,487
1883-84	1,16,416	9,738	29,048
1884-85	93,600	20,027	31,361
1885-86		20,724	21,870
1000 07	77 944	21 326	35.719

ture on clearance has materially decreased year by 1882-83 1,20,914 11,210 18,487 year, while that on establishments has increased 1883-84 1,16,416 9,738 29,048 from Rs. 18,487 in 1882-83 to Rs. 35,719 in 1885-86 74,349 20,724 21,870 1886-87 77,344 21,326 35,719 relate mainly to "jungle cutting," which is work of a very unprofitable nature and might well be postponed when money is wanted for silt clearance. The charges for jungle cutting have been unusually heavy in this division, and they, as well as establishment charges, ought to be reduced considerably. There is great need for increased expenditure on these canals. They seem to have been viewed with disfavor by the Irrigation Department, because they are "lift" canals and their returns per acre irrigated are lower than those of "flow" canals; but the population cultivating from them is as industrious, and the cultivation is as good, as any in the province. The cotton grown in this division is the best in Sind. There is no lack of resident population, and any amount of additional labour wanted can be obtained from Jeysalmir and Jodhpur, from which States a considerable immigration has already set in to the lands under the Eastern Nara Canals. The only thing necessary to lead to a large extension of cultivation here is improvement of the existing canals. Until this is effected, no good use will be made of the improved river-supply that is now available to them. The need for improvement is greatest in the Sakrand, Shahdadpur, Hala, and Tando Allahyar Talukas, where cultivation has fallen off. Small improvements made last season at the Cellector's instance in the Naushahro Sub-division produced very good results and paid for themselves at once. The Executive Engineer in charge of this Division and most of his chief subordinates live in Hyderabad, outside its limits and at a long distance from their work. The Commissioner thinks that the Executive Engineer's head-quarters should be transferred from Hyderabad to Daulatpur, where a good bangalow is available, or to some other place in the centre of the Division.

26. The present water-supply in the Fuleli is perhaps the finest in the province, and after it has been brought under control by improvements now begun and the lands towards the tails of the canals have been reclaimed by clearing the silted up drainage channels, a very large expansion of cultivation and of revenue will be apparent. For several years previous to the year under report the clearances on the Fuleli Canals were altogether insufficient and many zamindars have suffered very severely from the swamping of their lands by the re-curring overflow of canals whose beds and tails were blocked with silt. It will be necessary for some time to come to devote a considerable share of the clearance grants to the canals in the Fulcli and Hyderabad Canals Divisions to make up for deficient expenditure on clearance in the past. Expenditure is also required to fit the Fuleli Canals to carry the increased volume of water new poured into them and for the construction of regulators to distribute the supply. Government have recently allotted funds for the construction of a regulator at the head of the Fuleli main canal, and the Commissioner trusts that they will make further grants for the provision of additional regulators and other improvements needed, as he is satisfied that the expenditure will be immediately profitable in a marked degree. Money for these works can-not be spared from the grants for maintenance and repairs and the cost of their execution would not form a proper charge against those grants. A well digested project for the gradual improvement of the Fuleli Canals to suit the changed condition of their river supply should be drawn up and submitted for sanction after full consideration of all the conditions to be served, and each approved work should be executed in the order of its importance as decided on in consultation with the Revenue officers. The total expenditure, ordinary and special, on these accounts will amount to several lakhs of rupees, and it should be made under proper sanction and systematically. Clever men and capitalists of Hyderabad have grasped the situation and have acquired rights to water in favourable positions high up the canals which should not be extended beyond their just limits. There will be many claimants to the improved supply, and the claims of those zamindars whose lands have been flooded and thrown out of cultivation by no fault of their own should receive the first consideration. Special attention should be paid by the Executive Engineer and the Collector, whilst the improvements are in progress, to the private watercourses through which water is drawn from the canals. Reference is made to this subject in another sense in para. 74 of the Superintending Engineer's report. Since the canals have fallen into their present surcharged condition, the Irrigation officers have encouraged landholders to enlarge the heads of their watercourses and to keep them constantly open and to allow water to flow continuously over rice crops and to make new openings to lead water on to uncultivated lands, in order to reduce the pressure on the canal banks and prevent their breaching. All these watercourses have been shewn in the maps prepared by the Survey Department for the settlements just made in the Fuleli Talukas, and unless the matter is taken in hand and dealt with promptly, unfounded claims to water-supply and complications are likely to ensue hereafter. very desirable that the number of private watercourses should be reduced, as also the dimensions of the heads of many of them. The Collector and the Executive Engineer should do all in their power to encourage zamindars to build masonry heads to them, and the Collector should grant loans freely for this purpose. Another matter connected with the Fuleli supply that requires attention is the use made of it on jagir lands and the hakabo paid for it.

There are large jagirs on the Fuleli and the jagirdars use more water than they pay for. They are only required under the Hakabo Rules to pay for water irrigating cultivated land, and they pay nothing for land wetted but not cultivated. The cultivated area is ascertained each year, and Re. 1 per acre is charged for the water-supply. Their cultivators let water flow continuously over their rice fields whenever they can get it, for the sake of the silt that falls and fertilizes the soil, and the surplus water is led off on to low-lying lands that grow grass and other useful products. The jagirdars should be required to build regulators at the heads of all their canals which should be worked under the orders of the Executive Engineer, and those who use a continuous supply for rice cultivation should pay a higher rate of hakabo and something should also be charged for water used on lands that are not culti27. The question of levying some payment for the use of Fuleli water irrigating zamindari and unoccupied grazing lands has been noticed by Government, and the subject has received attention from the Collector of Hyderabad and the Commissioner. Most of these lands are in the flooded portions of the Tando Bago, Badin and Guni Talukas, and many of them were formerly cultivated and will be cultivated again when the canals are put in order. Colonel Trevor is averse to the levy of grazing fees at present, on account of the impoverished state of the cultivators who own many of the cattle and the hardships that they and the zamindars have suffered by the flooding of their lands, and the Commissioner agrees with him to a certain extent. But the question should soon now be taken up in earnest, as the Haris (labouring cultivators) are becoming demoralized and inclined to neglect cultivation for breeding and grazing milch cattle, which affords a very easy means of livelihood when grazing is free.

28. The condition of the canals in the Karachi District may be described as good in the Delta Talukas and unsatisfactory in the talukas above Manjhand. Clearance has been neglected on the Western Nara, as shown in para. 77 of Mr. Lambert's report; but the silting of the Aral and other canals connected with the Manchar Lake is due to causes practically beyond control. A very large expenditure has been incurred on canals and river embankments in the Karachi District for some years past, but the results obtained have been altogether incommensurate with the outlay, as is shown by the figures given in para. 81 of the report. The bulk of the money has been spent for the benefit of the Delta Talukas, whose population is scanty and thinned by fever and frequent outbreaks of cholera and other epidemic disease. The average charges against the canal revenue of these talukas for the last five years probably exceed 80 per cent. of the receipts, and there is no reasonable expectation, in the Commissioner's opinion, of any large increase of cultivation occurring in them even if expenditure at the present rate is continued. Drainage works are now talked of, and their construction would doubtless tend to improve cultivation and probably the sanitary condition also, but their cost will be considerable. These talukas would probably have returned a much larger net revenue than they do at present, if they had been treated in the same way as the Rohri Sub-division and left to depend mainly on spill-water for their irrigation. The whole position in these talukas as regards present and prospective expenditure and realizations and the risks run in the attempt to retain the river floods at a high level between the double line of embankments referred to in paras. 9 and 17 above needs careful examination, and the Commissioner thinks that the Superintending Engineer should be called on for a full report on the subject. If expenditure in these talukas can be curtailed, the money set loose can certainly be expended much more profitably elsew

29. The question raised in para. 38 of the report regarding the assessment of dubari cultivation on the Sukkur Canal is under consideration. There is a difference of opinion as to the facts of the case, and as to the remedy to be applied. It appears that the greater part of the 18,348 acres reported by the Superintending Engineer as cultivated with both kharif and rabi crops was irrigated in the kharif season only, and received none of the rabi supply; much of it is rice land on which a second crop was raised on the moisture remaining in the soil after the rice crop was harvested. For such poor rabi cultivation as this the rate settled by Mr. Erskine is probably as sufficient in the case of the Sukkur Canal as Mr. Lambert admits it to be for other canals. For lands for which both kharif and rabi supply is taken the rate is certainly insufficient, and the question pending settlement is as to the treatment of such twice-watered lands. The Commissioner is inclined to think that the best immediate solution is to refuse a rabi supply to lands cultivated with kharif crops, as both the kharif and the rabi supply at present available in the canal are insufficient to meet the whole demand for water, and what there is ought to be distributed as evenly as possible. Mr. Lambert has not noticed the extent of the rabi supply discharged through the Sukkur Canal or the area that it sufficed to irrigate.

30. Rice cultivation on the Ghar Canals, to which reference is made in paras. 39
Rice. Juari. and 41 of the report, has fallen off considerably in the last few years, and in the year under 151,127 94 848 1878-79 report juari was largely cultivated on rice lands. 10,808 1879-80 1880-81 157,496 170,342 133,424 24,548 34,863 49,803 13,568 The areas under rice and juari respectively in each of the last 10 years are shown in the margin. 1881-82 1882-83 1883-84 146,638 In the Larkana Taluka, where the revised settle-145,617 ment is still in force, the insufficiency of the 20,752 11,292 28,230 153,448 141,787 1884-85 canal supply has pressed heavily on zamindars 1385-86 1886-87 holding lands assessed at rice rates, who have had 128,889 44,539 81,089

to choose between leaving their fields uncultivated and growing inferior crops. If the juari crop had not been an unusually good one, and if prices of produce had not ruled at exceptionally high rates, in the year under report, the remissions on these lands would have been

31. The special clearance on the Gul Mahamedwah branch of the Western Nara, noticed in para. 43 of the report, led to new cultivation on lands commanded by the Ghar. The revenue thus obtained in the Shikarpur District was realized at the cost of the Karachi District, and the diversion of the water-supply was unfair to landholders on the lower part of the Western Nara Canal, who were deprived of water to which they had a distinctly prior claim. Another and larger diversion of water from Nara to Ghar lands has resulted from special clearances in the Arthurwah, begun in the year under report and finished before the inundation of 1888. The Arthurwah is a branch of the Western Nara, and the special clearances, on

which Rs. 26,000 were expended, included the widening of the regulator at its head, the construction of a second regulator half-way down it, and the excavation of some three miles of new canal to join it with the Chilowah, a branch of the Ghar insufficiently supplied from the main canal. This work should not have been executed in presence of the known insufficiency of the supply in the lower part of the Western Nara, and it is not a work that should have been executed at the cost of the Maintenance and Repairs grant. Increased attention should be paid in carrying out new works and improvements to the customary rights of landholders in the matter of water-supply, and the attention of Collectors and irrigation officers has been drawn to this subject.

32. The results reported by Mr. Lambert in para. 48 for the Eastern Nara Canals are most satisfactory and encouraging. The Commissioner understands that the water drawn from the river through the existing supply channel at Rohri is now doing nearly all the duty that can be got out of it, and that some expansion of the river supply will very soon become necessary. A branch taking off from the Jamrao Dhand to water the eastern part of the Sakrand and Shahdadpur talukas of Hyderabad is very much wanted, and would pay as well as any of the canals of the system. Part of this tract was watered from the Nara some years ago, but the supply was cut off when the works for the new canals were undertaken. There is every prospect of a large increase of cultivation and of revenue in the Nara Valley, and no want of labour for cultivation. The great want of the district is railway communication with Hyderabad, in order to give its cultivators a good market for their produce. A project for a cheap feeder-line from the Nara river to the North-Western Railway is before Government.

33. The Commissioner cannot admit the justice of the remarks made by the Superintending Engineer in para. 74 of his report attributing the numerous breaches of canal banks that occurred in the Fuleli Division to the neglect of zamindars and cultivators to keep in proper order the heads supplying their private water-courses. These accidents and the damage they occasioned were mainly the result of insufficient clearance and the silting up of the tails of the Fuleli Canals, coupled with the increased volume of water poured into the Fuleli Main Canal by the rise in the flood level of the river, to which reference has already been made. The construction of the regulator at the head of the Fuleli lately sanctioned, and the clearance of the tails now in progress will diminish the risk of breaches in future years.

34. The project for a new feeder to the lower part of the Western Nara, referred to in para. 77 of the report, has been submitted to Government, with a recommendation that the condition of the whole canal should be thoroughly investigated before decision is come to regarding the steps to be taken for improving its supply. The examination on which the project

is based extended only to that part of the canal which is in the Karachi District.

35. The Commissioner has not supported the project for improving the Kalri Canal mentioned in para. 80 of Mr. Lambert's report, because he does not think it likely to lead to any real extension of cultivation, as full use is not made of the supply already afforded by canals in the Delta Talukas.

36. The present report, following the scheme of former reports, contains full information regarding the revenue results obtained in each Canal Division, but few details regarding the progress of cultivation. Fluctuations in revenue collections are dependent in great measure

* See the table in para. 11 above, and remarks in levied, * and conclusions as to the condition and working of canals cannot safely be founded on

a consideration of their revenue returns alone. It seems desirable that in future reports cultivation returns for each Canal Division, and for each important canal, should be added for the same series of years for which revenue figures are given. The following form is suggested as convenient for the cultivation returns:

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37. It is desirable also that a clear and comprehensive account should be given in these reports, or separately, of the manner in which the grants for maintenance and repairs and for

extensions and improvements are applied and expended. The average expenditure under these heads of the last 6 years, as shown in para. 13 of the report, has amounted to more than Rs. 11,00,000 a year, but the only information published regarding it is that contained in the brief summary given in the General Administration Report prepared in the Public Works Secretariat. The Superintending Engineer should give an account of his stewardship, and the operations of the Department should be laid open to examination and criticism.

38. The grants made, large as they are, are admittedly insufficient to allow of the simultaneous execution of every desirable improvement. The money available must be spent economically, and it is most necessary that canals should be cleared to their full depth and width, that their banks should be repaired, and that their heads should be put into the best working order possible, before expenditure is devoted to other work of less immediate utility. If this principle is to be observed, a clear account of work executed and expenditure made must be rendered. Each canal has its sanctioned section, and its condition with reference to that section should be reported yearly and explanations should be given of deviations from the standard. A full description of the work executed in each Canal Division should be given, and the expenditure incurred should be classified under some such heads as the following:

- (1) Silt clearance.
- (2) Repairs to canal embankments.
- (3) Clearance and improvement of canal heads.
- (4) Jungle-cutting and removing fallen trees.
- (5) Inspection path-ways along the sides of canals.
- (6) Construction and repairs of inspection bungalows.
- (7) Construction and repairs of canal chowkies and tool-houses.
- (8) Regulators and sluices.
- (9) Sloping canal banks and cutting of angles.
- (10) Establishments charged against works. The expenditure under this head should be shown in clear detail—the rates of pay allowed, the number of men employed at each rate, the periods of their employment, and the manner of their employment, should be stated and increases and decreases should be shown and accounted for.

Corresponding details should be given regarding expenditure on river embankments in each Canal Division. It will then be possible to contrast the expenditure made in the several divisions and to compare it with the results obtained. Good management or the reverse on the part of the Divisional Officers will be apparent and improvements effected in one division may be extended to others.

39. Some figures of expenditure are given in paras. 13 and 14 of Mr. Lambert's report, but they are not in sufficient detail for administrative or critical purposes, and while they nominally show the expenditure on "Establishments" separately from that on "Works," they do not show the actual outlay under either head. The Establishment charges entered are only those on account of the Permanent Establishment of Executive Engineers, Supervisors, Overseers, Clerks, &c., &c., but other large charges are also incurred on account of Establishments and are included under the head "Works." The following statement exhibits the actual outlay on Works and on Establishments respectively for five of the years treated by Mr. Lambert. Figures for the years 1881-82 and 1887-88 are not in the Commissioner's possession:

							(6) (10) (4) (4) (4) (4)		ESTABLISHMENT.		
		(1	ear.			*	Works.	Permanent.	Charged against works.	Total.	Total expendi-
1882-83							6,47,604	2,22,036	2,21,387	4,43,423	10,91,027
1883-84					•		6,42,586	2,14,128	2,36,230	4,50,358	10,92,944
1884-85							6,10,523	2,13,717	2,43,234	4,56,951	10,67,474
1885-86							5,72,872	2,48,524	2,58,276	5,06,800	10,79,672
1886-87	•			•			5,54,157	2,71,930	2,73,765	5,45,695	10,99,852
				Тот	ΔL		30,27,742	11,70,335	12,32,892	24,03,227	54,30,969
			X	Avera	ge		6,05,548	2,34,067	2,46,578	4,80,645	10,86,193

The establishment charges thus amounted to 79 per cent. on the outlay for works and, considering that much of the work done was earth excavation and embankment executed under contract, they appear enormous, after making allowance for the abkalani establishments employed during the inundation season to watch embankments. It will be observed that while the outlay on works has steadily diminished from Rs. 6,47,604 in 1882-83 to Rs. 5,54,157 in 1886-87, that on establishment has progressed year by year from Rs. 4,43,423 to Rs. 5,45,695. Other instances brought to notice in the foregoing remarks indicate that there is room for improve-instances brought to notice in the foregoing remarks indicate that there is room for improve-instances brought to notice in the Maintenance and Repairs grants, and the Commissioner thinks ment in the application of the Maintenance and Repairs grants, and the Commissioner thinks that cause has been shown for the submission of a more detailed account of the administration and expenditure of the Department than has hitherto been supplied. The Revenue officers, who are in the best position to ascertain and represent the wants of the people in the matter of water-supply and are responsible for the working of the revenue settlements the maintenance of which depends on irrigation should have a greater voice than has been allowed them in directing the expenditure of the maintenance grants. The work to be executed in each season should be settled in consultation between the Revenue and Irrigation officers and the programme settled on should be carried out.

- 40. A large share of the maintenance grants has been devoted for the last 10 years to the protective embankments along the river, and the Commissioner concurs in the opinion expressed in para. 14 of the report as to the advantage of setting free a portion of that outlay for expenditure on canal clearances, which, as Mr. Lambert says, "are invariably attended with increased cultivation and revenue." He also concurs in the recommendation made by Mr. Lambert in the same para, that the North-Western Railway should be required to contribute its share of the cost and maintenance of the Upper Sind river embankments, which were doubtless constructed and are maintained partly for the protection of that railway against floods.
- 41. In the above imperfect review the Commissioner has found occasion to comment in an unfavourable sense on some of the work of the Irrigation Department in Sind, especially in the matter of the direction of expenditure of the Maintenance and Repairs grants. His attention was specially attracted to this subject by the circumstance that his predecessor, Mr. Erskine, reported to Government shortly before he left Sind that some of the revenue settlements made in the last few years could not be maintained unless more money was spent on the clearance of canals, and that not long after he had taken up the office of Commissioner he was obliged to submit a similar representation. Government were pleased to accept the recommendations submitted by the Superintending Engineer and supported by the Commissioner, and made a liberal additional grant at the beginning of 1888 that has sufficed to improve the condition of many of the cauals. But much remains to be done, and no prospect has been held out by Government of any permanent addition to the clearance grant, while under present financial conditions are increase can be impredictably expected. It is therefore under present financial conditions no increase can be immediately expected. It is therefore essential that irrigational expenditure should be economised in every way possible, and that it should be confined to works that are necessary for securing water-supply to lands the holders of which have a rightful claim to water, until those claims are satisfied. It was necessary that an examination of the expenditure of past years should be made, in order to discover items in which economy may be exercised, as well as items the execution of which will bear deferment. Some of the criticisms offered by the Commissioner accordingly refer to conditions and circumstances with which he was not personally conversant, and he would not have referred to them if other means had been open to him of forming conclusions and suggesting improvements that seem to him to be called for. . He desires to acknowledge the ready and cordial assistance he has received from the Superintending Engineer in this inquiry, as well as in all other matters, and the excellent work done by Mr. Lambert and the officers of the Sind Irrigation Department during the year under report.

C. B. PRITCHARD, Commissioner in Sind.

General Abstract of Financial Results of Irrigation Works in Sind for and up to the close of 1887-88.

General Abstract of Financial Results of Irrigation Works

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		MAJOR WO	ORKS-PRODUC	TIVE WORKS.		Min	DE WORKS AND	NAVIGATION-V	VORES FOR W	HICH CAPITA
	Desert Canal.	Unharwab.	Begári Canal.	Eastern Nára Works.	Total.	Sukkur Canal.	Ghár Canal.	Mehrabwah.	Alibhar Kacheri Canal.	Márak Gres Canal.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Capital Outlay. During year. { Direct . Indirect .	57,155 1,352		6,089 144	1,13,753 4,877	1,87,226 6,615		user of E			::. ::.
TOTAL .	* 58,507	10,471	6,233	1,18,630	1,93,841					1 4
To end of year $\left\{egin{array}{l} ext{Direct} & \cdot & \\ ext{Indirect} & \cdot & \end{array} ight.$	11,76,780 39,569	3,31,627 7,288	16,25,609 47,470	49,00,601 1,82,134	80,34,617 2,76,461	13,28,747 59,966	4,15,537 25,440	66,018 1,851	23,207 710	1,93,60
TOTAL .	12,16,349	3,38,915	16,73,079	50,82,735	83,11,078	13,88,713	4,40,977	67,869	23,917	2,01,55
Gross Revenue. During year . { Direct . Indirect	36,971 91,709	40 53,206	25,491 2,15,748	15,989 3,12,523	78,491 6,73,186	1,131 97,893	4,674 3,42,782	202 23,181	650 4, 109	2,20 45,26
TOTAL .	1,28,680	53,246	2,41,239	3,28,512	7,51,677	99,024	3,47,456	23,383	4,759	47,46
To end of year $\left\{egin{array}{l} ext{Direct} & \cdot & \\ ext{Indirect} & \cdot & \end{array} ight.$	1,67,896 13,47,419	72 1,18,129	2,40,813 35,00,403	5,42,966 43,20,650		13,063 8,28,227	1,85,531 1,09,86,879	718 1,03,163	10,265 89,958	45,96
TOTAL .	15,15,315	1,18,201	37,41,216	48,63,616	1,02,38,348	8,41,290	1,11,72,410	1,03,881	1,00,223	7,43,18
Working Expenses. During year . Indirect .	49,588 1, 3 37	16,860 341	83,096 1,925	87,063 2,813		43,571 909	1,60,740 3,419	9,188 198	5,967 158	18,18
TOTAL .	50,925	17,201	85,021	89,876	2,43,023	44,480	1,64,159	9,386	6,125	18,559
Fo end of year $\left\{egin{array}{ll} ext{Direct} & . \\ ext{Indirect} & . \end{array} ight.$	4,38,274 12,867	42, 083	17,91,526 48,541	23,28,099 1,03,837	45,99,982 1,66,168	7,89,991 23,800	31,15,794 70,894	63,071 1,501	94,810	2,51,921 6,394
TOTAL .	4,51,141	43,006	18,40,067	24,31,936	47,66,150	8,13,791	31,86,688	64,572	97,685	2,58,315
Net Revenue. During year	77,755 10,64,174	36,045 75,195	1,56,218 19,01,149	2,38,636 24,31,680	5,08,654 54,72,198	54,544 27,499	1,83,2 97 7 9,85,722	13,997 39,309	-1,366 2,538	28,908 4,84,874
Simple Interest. During year To end of year	45,928 4,62,623	13,060 38,483	64,902 9,55,145	1,93,749 32,88,965	3,17,639 47,45,216					
Net profit after paying off Interest. During year To end of year	31,827 6,01,551	22,985 36,712	91,316 9,46,004	44,887 -8,57,285	1,91,015 7,26,982	·				

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in Sind for and up to the close of 1887-88.

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	•••		1,93,841	••	•••					Maintenance and repairs to the bund Maintenance of garden	35,829	
1,18,559	9,30,232	80,75,900	1,11,10,517					`		at Badani Rent of Telegraph line	. 480	
6,121	33,243	1,85,284	4,11,745							at Badani Maintenance and repairs,	1,800	S 42 8 4
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19,751	3,58,502	8,91,482	15,64,668	8,23,054	4,07,055	4,74,322	41,468	5,26,074	17,71,973			
21,639	3,82,063	9,25,791	16,77,468	3,28,081	4,14,626	4,87,165	42,042	5,44,798	18,16,712		1,02,705	2
27,273	5,34,930	8,17,742	17,69,489	10 7 2 3					.,,	Irrigation share of Land Revenue		6,9
1,77,168	49,92,033	1,78,74,655	2,71,61,256							Total, Begári Canals	1,02,705	7,1
2,04,441	55,26,963	1,86,92,397	2,89,30,745							Shikarpur Canals.		
										Forest sluice in Sukkur and Begári Bund	1,426	
11,893	2,47,849	4,97,391	7,33,998	2,31,358	1,14,223	1,93,057	28,559	4,35,197	10,02,394	Bund to water Rohri Forest	3,142	
281	5,200	10,541	16,957							Kásimpur Band	1,448	
12,174	2,53,049	5,07,932	7,50,955	2,31,358	1,14,223	1,93,057	28,559	4,35,197	10,02,394	tablishment and Tools and Plant	1,478	
1,77,526	39,33,040	84,26,153	1,30,26,135							Total, Shikarpur Canals :	7,494	;
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										Total Karáchi Canals .	2,358	
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										TOTAL .	1,12,491	7,21

C. CUNNINGHAM, for Examiner of Public Works Accounts:

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

right of the Total Control Weather Review of India for the week ending at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 1st, 1889.

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Normal monsoon conditions have prevailed throughout the greater part of India during the past week. On some days the currents have been partially interrupted, and hence their extension into a large portion of North-Western India has not been complete, and that part of India has been more or less rainless with a high temperature. With this exception, however, rain has been general, and at several stations has been heavy. Accompanying this general rainfall, there have been moist cloudy weather and comparatively low temperatures.

The Chart of the 25th June exhibited the ordinary high pressure area over the Malabar Coast and the ordinary low pressure area over the Indus Valley; but, in addition to this, there existed an area of relatively low readings. over the head of the Bay of Bengal, the east of the Central Provinces, and the whole of the North-West Provinces. Within this low pressure were three centres of depression-one over the north-western angle of the Bay, a second over Behar and the east of the North-Western Provinces, and a third between, Nowgong and Agra. These depressions occasioned local cyclonic circulations, of the wind over the portion of India covered by them, but elsewhere normal monsoon breezes prevailed. The monsoon over the Peninsula was fresh, and over Sind, Guzerat, Central India, and Rajputana strong. On the following day the depression over the Bay had developed somewhat and become a well defined storm. That which lay over Behar and east of the North-Western Provinces had moved slightly westward, and absorbed into it the small Nowgong-Agra disturbance. With these exceptions, there had been no change of importance in the distribution, and the winds direction and force were generally unaltered. By the morning of the 27th the small depression which had been shown over the north-west angle of the Bay had passed westward, and had also, become absorbed into the general depression over the central parts of the country. A well marked cyclonic circulation existed around this depression, but otherwise the winds were normal. The Chart of the 28th showed that the depression, without changing its intensity, had advanced west-north-westward through the Central Provinces, and that its centre lay near Saugor. The cyclonic circulation around it was very well marked. Normal winds prevailed elsewhere, though over the head of the Bay the force of the wind was exceptionally high. Between the 28th and the morning of the 29th the storm moved north-westward, and at 8 A.M. on the 29th the centre lay immediately to the south-east of Ajmere and Jeypore. There was no alteration in the winds. They continued to circulate cyclonically around the storm area, and to blow strongly both over the Bay and across the West Coast. The observations of the 30th showed that the barometer was rising in all districts, except North-Eastern India, and that the depression which lay near Jeypore on the 29th had filled up after an existence of nearly a week. There was much less, difference of pressure between the south and north of India than is ordinarily the case at this season of the year, and there were again indications of a tendency. to depression formation over Bengal. With the decrease in the barometric

gradient noticed above, there had occurred a decrease in the force of the monsoon currents, which were moderate only on both sides of India. The Chart of the 1st July showed that a depression was commencing over Central Bengal. Otherwise there was little alteration, and the monsoon currents remained below the normal strength.

Temperature.—The departures of temperature from the normal have been much less during the past week than during the two or three preceding weeks. The monsoon current, with its cloudy skies, high humidity, and fairly constant rain, has prevailed over the greater part of the country and, except where local heavy falls of rain have occasioned rapid local changes of temperature, has maintained a fairly constant temperature. The largest variations from the normal have occurred in Sind, Guzerat, and Rajputana; the smallest in Burma. The former districts were those where the monsoon currents were most intermittent in their action, while the latter district was steadily influenced by them throughout the week.

The past week was a cool one generally, but especially so in Bengal and the North-Western Provinces, where on every day of the week the average mean temperature was below the normal.

The following table shows the excess or defect of the mean average temperature of the different Provinces from the normal, both for the present and for the preceding week:

PROVINCE. Difference of Me Temperature of Last from Normal	Week Temperature of Present
Burmah + o'1°	0
Bengal :	- 1.3°
North-Western Provinces	— 2·5°
Punjab	+ 0.60
Bombay + 0.2	-0.3
Central Provinces and Berar 2.0	° + 0.5°
Guzerat and Central India	. — I.I.
Sind and Rajputana 2'3	° -1'4°
Madras + 9.5	. — o.1 _o

From this table it will be seen that the relative coolness is less this week than last. A slight excess has replaced in the Punjab and Central Provinces the considerable deficiency which prevailed last week, while elsewhere the deficiency is generally slighter than it was last week.

Rain.—The distribution of rain has been approximately the same as that reported last week. Over the greater part of the country rain has fallen generally and almost daily, but in North-Western India it has been scattered and partial and entirely absent at some stations. In Southern Madras similar conditions have prevailed.

The following is a brief description of the daily distribution of rain. On the 25th there was no rain reported from the Punjab, Rajputana, Sind, or Eastern Madras (south of Masulipatam), but general rain elsewhere,—heaviest in Bengal. The reports of the succeeding day showed a similar distribution, except that rain had extended north-westward along the line of the hills in the Punjab. The amounts were generally moderate. The only change shown by the reports of the 27th was the much heavier fall on the West Coast, where Mangalore reported 3 inches, Karwar 6, and Goa 7 inches. On the 28th general rain continued with patches of large amounts over the central stations and the West

Coast. On the 29th the amount of rainfall had become much slighter, but the area covered remained unchanged. On the 30th the falls were still lighter, and on the 1st both the amount of the rainfall and its extent had alike decreased.

The table at the close of the summary shows that at 32 out of the 51 divisions into which India has been divided the average rainfall of the week has been exceeded, and that at 17 the rainfall has been deficient, though in the majority of cases the deficiency has been small, not reaching 1 inch.

In Burmah, Tenasserim, and Arakan, show that notwithstanding heavy local rain at Akyab, the week's fall has been short of the average; but in Lower and Central Burmah there is an excess. Excessive rain is also reported from the whole of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces (East), (West), and (Submontane) and Oudh (North); but in the North-Western Provinces (Central) and Oudh (South) there has been a deficiency of about half an inch. In all parts of the Punjab, except the hill districts and the Indus Valley, there have been deficient rains. The Malabar Coast had slightly, and Coorg considerably, less than usual while Madras (South Central), Mysore, and the Konkan had an excess. The whole of the district comprising the Deccan, Khandeish, the west of the Central Provinces, and Kattiawar had deficient rainfall, while Guzerat, Central India, Rajputana, and Sind had more than usual. In Madras there was a general though slight excess.

The maximum falls are as a rule not remarkable. Cherrapunji had 27 inches, and some stations in North and Central Bengal between 10 and 12 inches. Behar, both North and South, and the adjoining parts of the North-Western Provinces received falls of between 10 and 12 inches; but further to the westward the amounts decreased, and there was nothing very important over Upper India. In the Malabar Coast districts falls of 13 or 14 inches, and in the Konkan of between 16 and 19 inches, are reported. At one station in the Kolhapur district of the Deccan 20 inches were received. Fair, moderate rains were experienced over the Central parts of the country and the Peninsula, and good rain in Ganjam.

The concluding column of the table shows the state of the seasonal fall. There is more or less deficiency in Burmah and East Bengal, excess in other parts of Bengal and over nearly the whole of the North-Western Provinces, and a rather large deficiency in the Punjab. Over the West Coast districts the variations are somewhat irregular, but all over the Central Provinces and in Kattiawar there is a deficiency. In Central India, Rajputana, and generally over Madras the rains have been good.

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Province.	Division.	Average Actual Rainfall of Division.	Average Nor- ma Ramfall of Division.	Excess or Detect, in inches.	Average Actual Rainfall of Season to date.	Average Nor- nal Rainfall, Ainy 13th to July 1st.	Excess or De- ect of (Season- al) Rainfall expressed As a per- centage,
		Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Per cent.
BURMAH	Tenasserim Lower Burmah Central Burmah Upper Burmah Arrakan	5°55 5 50 4°07 1°31 13°00	9.00 4.17 3.39 13.69	- 3'45 + 1'33 + 0'68 - 0'69	49.78 22.62 17.10 13.81 63.08	53'43 27'24 22'11 ? 65'95	$ \begin{array}{c c} $
Bengal and Assam	Eastern Bengal Assam (Surma) Do. (Brahmaputra) Deltaic Bengal Central Bengal North Bengal Orissa Chota Nagpur Behar (South)	5.13 8.41 6.64 3.27 4.93 7.26 3.82 5.92 5.04	3:85 3:78 4:64 2:26 2:34 5:11 3:44 2:60 2:50	+ 1'28 + 4'63 + 2'00 + 1'01 + 2'59 + 2'15 '+ 0'38 + 3'32 + 2'54	24.65 45.79 31.68 15.68 17.63 31.89 12.71 12.72 10.77	25'94 34'52 24'75 14'21 13'49 32'04 11'29 10'29 7'50	- 5 + 33 + 28 + 10 + 31 - 0 + 13 + 24 + 42 + 45
transition of	Do. (North)	4.54	1.04	+ 3 52	15.08	5'23	+ 45
North - Western Provinces and	Oudh (South) Do. (North) North - Western Provinces	1.23 2.20 0.95	2'10 2'35 1'39	- 0.24 + 0.12 - 0.41	6·79 7·57 3·92	5.42 6.76 3.88	+ 25 + 12 + 1
Ouds.	North - Western Provinces (West), North - Western Provinces (Submontane),	1.42 2.77	1.36	+ 0.10	3°04 8°23	4°10 6.87	- 26 + 20
PUNJAB	Punjab (South) Do: (Central) Do. (Submontane) Do. (Hill Districts) Do. (North-West) Do. (West)	0°13 0°06 0°87 6°52 0°74 0°78	0 82 1'80 2'02 3'19 0'87 0'34	- 0.69 - 1.74 - 1.15 + 3.33 - 0.13 + 0.44	2'14 1'24 2'70 13'58 2'20 1'72	2'45 4'01 4'19 11'49 2'87 1'34	- 13 - 69 - 36 + 18 - 23 + 28
BOMBAY AND MALA- BAR COAST DIS- TRICTS (MADRAS).	Malabar Madras (South Central) Coorg Mysore Kohkan Bombay Deccan Hyderabad (North) Khandeish	6·32 1·57 4·67 6·96 14·29 1·31	7'23 0'34 8'34 0'67 7'21 1'35	- 0'91 + 1'23 - 3 67 + 0'29 + 7'08 - 0'04	43'33 6'15 26'05 3'45 38'52 6'63 	44.63 4.73 34.06 5.15 31.30 7.97 6.64	- 3 + 30 - 24 - 33 + 23 - 17 - 45
CENTRAL PROVINCES	Berar	1·86 2·77 4·13 3·46	2:41 4:36 3:38 3:61	- 0.22 - 0.22 - 1.20 + 0.22	5.54 7.27 9.65 8.88		- 29 - 18 - 4 - 24
Bombay (North) .	Guzerat	3.08	1.33	+ 0.24 - 0.28 + 0.24	6.56 2.03 0.40	3.89	
Rajputana and Cen- tral India.	Central India (East) . Rajputana (East), Centra India (West). Rajputana (West) .	2'41 1'99	1,00	+ 0.75 + 0.99 + 0.06	5'38	3.69	+`46
Madras	East Coast (North) Hyderabad (South) Madras (Central) East Coast (Central) Ditto (South) Madras (South)	2'45 0 69 0'81 1'09 0'75	1.26 1.10 0.22 0.99 0.45	+ 0.89 - 0.50 + 0.10 + 0.30	7.62 3.12 3.69 4.32 3.42	7:41 5:15 4:05 4:29 3:40	- 40 - 9 + 1 + 1

SIMLA, 4th July, 1889.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Weekly Report on the State of the Season and Prospects of the Crops.

Madras.—For week ending 29th June.—Rainfall good in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Kistna, North Arcot, Nilgiris, and West Coast; fair in Godavari, Bellary, Kurnool, Chingleput, Coimbatore, and Salem; slight elsewhere. Crops generally good, but withering in parts of South Arcot and Tinnevelly; suffering from want of rain or water in Cuddapah, North Arcot, Trichinopoly, and Salem; dry crops blighted in Coimbatore. Water-supply insufficient in Cuddapah, Chingleput, North Arcot, Coimbatore, and Salem. Stock suffering badly, chiefly from rinderpest, in Malabar, Tinnevelly, and Kistna. Prices rising in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and nine other districts; falling in five; stationary in others. 749 deaths from cholera in Ganjam. Labourers employed last day of week,—on Rushikulya works, 4,252; Gopalpur Canal, 1,769; Ghat Roads, 1,259. Average daily number on drinking-water tanks and wells, 4,765; on minor irrigation and other works, 3,657. Number on village relief on 22nd June, 24,880; fed in kitchens, 1,969. No reliable estimate of stocks, but apparently fair, except in Chinna Kimedi. General prospects favourable, and improving in Ganjam.

Bombay.—For week ending 3rd July.—Rain throughout Presidency Proper and Sind, but insufficient in many places. Sowing progressing in several districts, but retarded in parts of Broach, Nasik, Khandesh, Sholapur, Poona, Ahmednagar, Bijapur, and Belgaum for want of sufficient rain. Harvesting of Rabi crops in Karachi district completed. Rati blight in Mirpur Botoro; and sugarcane in Sákro in Karachi district attacked by disease. Locusts in one taluka of Karachi and one of Hyderabad; also passed through some villages of Ahmedabad. Mitho Indus embankment in Shikarpur breached by floods, which are spreading and endangering Larkana town.

Bengal.—For week ending 2nd July.—General and rather excessive rain throughout the Province during the week. A break is now much needed. Prospects so far are favourable. Cultivation is well forward, and all standing crops are making good progress. Paddy and bhadoi sowings are nearly complete, and transplanting of seedlings has begun. The excessive rain and rise of rivers have caused some damage to the lowland crops in Pubna, Julpaiguri, Dacca, Furreedpore, Muzaffarpur, and Chumparun. Prices continue high and almost stationary. The attendance on relief works in the distressed tracts of the Sonthal Pergunnahs is said to be gradually diminishing.

North-Western Provinces and Oudh.—For week ending 3rd July.—Cloudy weather has prevailed throughout the week, and average rain has fallen generally; though in Jhansi it has been inadequate, and in Moradabad more is urgently wanted. Kharif sowings continue. Markets are amply supplied and prices remain steady, except in Partabgarh, Allahabad, and Moradabad, where they have an upward tendency. Agricultural stock in good condition.

Punjab.—For week ending 3rd July.—Rain has fallen in all districts, except Hissar and Peshawar. Prices falling in Shahpur; unsettled in Peshawar, and stationary elsewhere. Rabi harvesting over; kharif ploughings and sowings in progress. Rain anxiously expected in Hissar and Lahore. Standing crops are in good condition. Sugarcane and cotton crops promise well. Stock cattle are reported healthy. Fodder sufficient, except in Hissar district.

Central Provinces.—For week ending 3rd July.—Rain general and sufficient. There have been heavy showers, followed by clear weather, which have been very favourable for sowing. Rice being transplanted in Sambalpore. Prospects good. Much loss of cattle in Hoshangabad from want of fodder.

Burma.—For week ending 29th June.—The rainfall was heavy throughout Lower Burma, except in Thayetmyo. In Upper Burma, except in the Ruby Mines, Bhamo, Upper Chindwin, and Yamethin districts, the rainfall was light; but no reports of its being insufficient have yet been received. Cattle-disease is severe in Shwegyin. The food-supply is sufficient. The price of paddy has risen 3 per cent. in Rangoon, 6 per cent. in Myadoung, and 11 per cent. in Pyinmana, and has fallen 11 per cent. in Prome, 4 per cent. in Thayetmyo, and 5 per cent. in Sagaing.

Assam.—For week ending 3rd July.—Weather seasonable. Sowing of late rice and reaping of summer rice continue. Blight on tea in Cachar. Prospects of other crops in general good.

Mysore and Coorg.—For week ending 3rd July.—Slight rain in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. Rainfall good in Kadur and Shimoga districts, and insufficient in the Mysore district. Crops good, except in Mysore district. Sowing operations completed in parts. No material change in prices.

Good rain in Coorg during the week. Crops in good condition.

Berar and Hyderabad.—For week ending 3rd July.—Average rainfall fair in Berar. Cotton sowing continues. Jowari, tur, and til sowings in progress. Prices steady. General condition of agricultural stock good. Fodder insufficient.

Rainfall fair in Hyderabad during week. Week's rain useful for sowing operations, but rainfall since commencement of monsoon insufficient. Scarcity of fodder still felt. Prices stationary.

Central India.—For week ending 3rd July.—Rain throughout Central India during the week; heaviest fall in Bhopawar Agency, but slight only in Gwalior, where more is needed. Prospects improved considerably in Western Malwa Agency. Prices of foodgrains generally steady in Bhopawar. Condition of pasturage is reported good.

Rajputana.—For week ending 3rd July.—Heavy rain at Abu, Erinpura, and Meywar; moderate elsewhere. Slight in Tonk and Ulwar. Agricultural operations progressing. Agricultural stock poor in Meywar and Bickaneer. Pasturage or fodder insufficient in Meywar and Ulwar. Prices rising in Kerowli and Bhurtpore.

Nepal.—For week ending 27th June.—Good rain. Weather fair. Prospects of crops good.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS. DEPARTMENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. X of 1889-90.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS. N.B.—As regards the figures in column Total Receipts from 1st April to date, audited figures have been used as far as possible.

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		State Lines worked by Companies.		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	, Rs.
22nd J 22nd 22nd 15th 15th 22nd 15th 8th 15th	ditto ditto	East Indian Patna-Gya Dildárnagar-Gházipur Rajputana-Malwa Bengal-Nagpur (a) Southern Marátha (b) Do. Mysore Section Indian Midland Villupuram-Dhar ma	1,514 57 12 1,664 186 850 140 211	8,54,990 6,713 1,064 3,57,807 28,195 81,030 10,082 (e) 27,613	565 117 -89 215 151 - 95 72 131	1,514 57 1,664 293 857 219 637	9,51,927 7,554 928 4,58,000 35,367 91,070 15,027 (d) 63,086	629 132 77 275 121 100 69 99	96,46,404 90,036 13,418 40,23,114 4,25,006 8,36,339 1,04,933 (c) 2,44,006	637 157 112 242 228 98 75 116	95,90,585 91,137 10,007 47,05,841 5,38,650 9,14,031 1,43,299 (d) 6,83,394	634 159 83 287 187 106 65 117	6,82,727 1,13,650 77,692 38,391 4,38,788	55,819 3,411
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		TOTAL .	4,753	13,73,294	289	5,372	16,29,817	303	1,54,42,425	325	1,67,45,139	316	13,02,714	
22nd Ju 15th 15th 15th	ditto ditto ditto	State Lines worked by Gowernment, North-Western (e) Oudh and Rohilikhand Bengal Central Wardha Coal Eastern Bengal Rail-	2,411 693 125 45	4,77,112 1,30,874 10,580 13,958	198 189 85 310	2,386 692 125 45	5,80,639 1,59,426 20,200 21,342	243 230 102 474	47,83,830 10,50,602 1,14,027 1,58,460	199 239 91 352	53,79,453 18,09,577 1,37,177 1,87,258	229 202 110 422	5,90,623 1,58,915 23,150 28,798	
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		TOTAL .	4,768	8,83,766	185	4,911	11,08,782	226	92,91,302	196	1,05,80,227	218	12,88,925	A
15th Ju 15th 15th 15th	ditto ditto	Lines worked by Gua- vanteed Companies. Madras South Indian Great Indian Penin- sula Bombay, Baroda and	840 654 1,564	1,60,356 1,10,510 \$\mathcal{f}\$\) 9,80,117	191 109 652	840 654	. 1,81,325 1,23,951 (g)6,50,953	216 190 450	16,13,698 10,99,121 (f) 1,16,87,503	192 108	18,20,823 11,06,591 (g)88,96,804	220 181 624	2,07,125 67,470	27,90,699
		Central India (A) .	461	2,39,220	519	461	3,05,000	654	31,74,293	689	32,71,540	720	,97,256	
		TOTAL .	3,459	14,90,203	431	3,402	12,62,229	371	1,75,74,015	508	1,51,55,767	452		24,18,848
GRAN		ANTEED AND STATE) .	12,980	• 37,47,263	289	13,685	40,00,828	292	4,23,08,342	327	4,24,81,133	315	1,72,791	
	GROSS EST	IMATED EXPENSES .			•			*	1,94,24,787	150	1,96,56,144	146	2,31,357	١
		NET RECEIPTS .			•		***		2,28,83,555	177	2,28,24,989	169		58,566
22nd J 1st 22nd	ditto ditto	Assisted Companies. Tarakeshwar Dibru Sadiya Bengal and North- Western	376	4,634 55,759	211 	376	(7,239 (i)		65,375 (j) 73,829	204 105	66,233 (k) 86,575	298 123	\$58 12,746	:
15th	ditto .	Rohilkhand-Kumaun .	07	7,025	105	67	59,430 7,017	105	5,99,675 75,665	159	5,96,821 83,366	161	7,701	2,854
		TOTAL .	465	67,416	145	465	73,686	158	8,14,544	150	8,32,995	155	18,451	
15th Ju	ditto .	Native States. His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed Company His Highness the	277	26,732	*	354	40,157	113	3,05,732	110	4,04,878	116	99,146	
15th	ditto	Gaekwar's His Highness the Gaek war's Viramgam	59	3,143	53	59	2,820	48	36,962	63	30,710	53		6,252
22nd	ditto	Mensáná-Vadnagar. Bhávnagar-Go n d a l-	21	1	41	27	1,100	40	11,884	57	12,583	47	699	
15th 15th	ditto ditto	junagarh-Porbandar Morvi . jodhpore	68	3,559 7,265	52 59		32,400 5,447 8,200		2,64,924 54,830 78,815	137 76 64	3,61,963 52,909 73,703	78 60	97,039	5,112
		TOTAL .	742	61,028	82	892	90,124	101	7,50,147	101	9,36,746	106	1,86,599	- 3,

SIMLA, 4th July, 1889.

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Includes the Katni-Umaria Branch.
Includes the Bellary-Kistna State Railway.
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Includes the Sindia and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.
Includes the Amritsar-Pathankot and Rájpura-Bhatinda State Railways.
Includes the Dhond-Manmad, Khamgaon, Amraoti, and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.

⁽g) Includes the Dhond-Manmad, Khamgaon, and Amraoti State Railways.
(h) Includes the Patri Branch.
(i) Return not received.
(j) Total receipts from 1st April to 2nd June, 1888.
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

RETAIL PRICES FOR THE 2nd HALF OF MAY 1889.

	DISTRICTS.			Burma— Tenasserim— Mergui Tavoy Moulmein and Amherst		Pagu (inland)— Shwaygyin Tharawadi Henzada Prome Toungoo Thayetmyo	Upper Burma-	Arakan— Sandoway Kyouk-pyu Akyab	Assam— Surma— Sylher Cachar Khási and Jaintiá Hills Garo Hills	Brahm sputra— Goslpára Kámrup Darang Nowgong Sibságar Lakhimpur
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Weather Review of India for the week ending at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 8th, 1889.

There has been no important change of weather during the past week. Normal monsoon conditions have prevailed throughout the period, uninterrupted either by any considerable break in the rains or by any considerable storm. In the Western Desert, Khandeish, part of the Bombay Deccan, and Madras there has been less rain than usual; but with these exceptions the rainfall, though nowhere very heavy, has been steady and sufficient.

The Chart of the 2nd showed the ordinary monsoon distribution over the greater part of the country, but in Northern India there were some irregularities. In the first place, a small depression lay over Northern Bengal; in the second, the shallow depression which ordinarily exists over the Gangetic plain was absent, and pressure decreased gradually but steadily right up to the foot of the hills. In consequence, the south-easterly winds which usually prevailed over Northern India were not shown, and the winds over the Punjab and North-Western Provinces were apparently part of the West Coast current. On the 3rd the Chart showed that the depression over Bengal had begun to move west-south-westward and at the same time to fill up. There existed on this day a low pressure area over Western Bengal and the east of the North-Western and Central Provinces, and a second over the west of the Punjab, with an intervening region covering the North-Western Provinces, the east of the Punjab, and Rajputana of very uniform pressure. Over the Peninsula gradients were also slight for the time of year. The monsoon currents were consequently light or moderate generally, and on the West Coast there was much variability in the wind direction. By the morning of the 4th the Bengal depression had reached the centre of the Central Provinces. A well marked though feeble cyclonic circulation existed around it, and hence easterly and south-easterly winds had appeared in Upper India. The wind was still very variable on the West Coast, but elsewhere normal monsoon directions prevailed. By the 5th the depression had almost filled up, though there were traces of the centre between the stations of Jeypore and Indore and Neemuch and Jhansi. Except on the West Coast, the normal monsoon circulation existed. On the 6th the depression had entirely disappeared, but otherwise there was no change. On the 7th a rapid fall of the barometer was reported from North-Western India, while pressure rose in the south. Hence gradients became steeper and the wind stronger. The Chart of the 8th showed that the fall in the North-West continued, and the barometric difference between the south and north of India became again about normal. At the same time the wind became westerly and south-westerly over the Penin-

Temperature.—Very small variations of temperature from the mean are again reported this week. The conditions which maintained the uniform temperature of last week have again been effective in preventing any large changes, and the variations from the normal, which are shown in the table given below, are everywhere less than 1½°. Larger variations than the above occurred on some days in particular districts. For instance, owing to the rather heavy rainfall in the Indus Valley at the end of last week, the mean temperature of Guzerat and Sind was low on the 2nd, while, owing to moderately heavy rain in Upper India at the close of the present week, the mean temperature of the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab was low on the 7th and 8th.

During the first two days of the week the maxima were high all over North-Western India, exceeding 100° at all stations; but on the 4th a rapid fall occurred over Upper India (except the Indus Valley), and the maxima from that day till the close of the week were generally considerably below the normal.

The following table shows the excess or defect of the mean average temperatures of the different Provinces from the normal, both for the present and for the preceding week:

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This table shows that there has been a slight excess of temperature in Burmah, Bombay, the Central Provinces, and Madras, and a slight deficiency elsewhere.

Rain.—In North-Western India and in Madras the rainfall of the week has again been rather scattered than general, and in Sind and the west of the Punjab there has been none of any consequence; but in all other parts of India rain has been general and has fallen in most districts on every day of the week.

The following is a brief description of the daily distribution:

On the 2nd there was no rain over the south and west of the Punjab, Upper Sind, Central India, the west of the Central Provinces, the Bombay Deccan, or the Carnatic. Elsewhere rain was general, and in parts of Bengal heavy. On the 3rd a similar distribution obtained, but the amounts had decreased somewhat in Bengal. On the 4th there was rather more rain in the Punjab, and a fairly general fall over Central India, Khandeish, and the Bombay Deccan, and larger amounts on the West Coast. On the 5th rain ceased again in Khandeish, Berar, the west of the Central Provinces, and decreased in amount on the West Coast; but elsewhere there was no change. The Chart of the 6th showed larger amounts again on the West Coast and general rain in all parts of the country, except the south of the Punjab and the Western Desert. On the 7th rain was still heavier on the West Coast, but there was no other change; and the Chart of the 8th showed rain in all places, except parts of Rajputana and the Indus Valley.

The table at the close of the Summary shows that out of the 51 divisions into which India is divided, 23 divisions had more rain during the week than is usually received, and that 24 received less than the average; 1 district had exactly the normal; and from the other 3 districts there was no information or no average. In the great majority of districts the variations are small and

In Burmah all the divisions, except Arakan, had less rain than usual; and the same is true of all districts in Bengal, except Deltaic Bengal, North Bengal, and Chota Nagpur, where there was an excess. The whole of Upper India, except the districts of Oudh north, Punjab central, and Punjab west, had exceedingly good rain, the excess in some districts being considerable. Malabar had only two-thirds of its normal amount; but Madras, south central, and Coorg had heavy rain. The Konkan has more than the average rain; but behind the Ghâts in Mysore and the Bombay Deccan, as well as northward into Khandeish, Berar, and the west of the Central Provinces, there was a rather large deficiency. The east of the Central Provinces and Central India had good rains, while Guzerat had a considerable and Sind a trifling deficiency. The East Coast districts exhibit a slight excess or a trifling deficiency.

The concluding column of the table shows the state of the seasonal rainfall. Burmah and East Bengal are below the average; but over the rest of Bengal, as well as over by far the greater part of Northern India, the rainfall has been exceedingly good. The only important exception is the Punjab central, where only about half the normal amount has fallen. The West Coast districts have had fair rain; but Mysore and the whole of the districts comprising Khandeish, Berar, and the west of the Central Provinces have had short rain. In Central India, Guzerat, and Sind the rainfall has been about the normal; but in Kattiawar it has been deficient. In Madras the changes are irregular and on the whole

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Weekly Report on the State of the Season and Prospects of the Crops.

Madras.—For week ending 6th July.—Rainfall good in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Godavari, Kistna, Bellary, Nilgiris, Salem, and West Coast; slight in Madras and Chingleput, and fair elsewhere. Crops generally good; but withering in parts of Cuddapah, South Arcot, and Tinnevelly, and suffering from want of rain or water in North Arcot, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, and Salem. Crops damaged by excessive moisture in Vizagapatam and blighted by insects in Coimbatore. Water-supply insufficient in Chingleput and Salem. Stock suffering badly from disease in Tanjore, Kistna, Tinnevelly, and Malabar. Prices rising in eight districts, falling in six, and stationary in others. Cholera severe in the three northern districts, but abating in Ganjam. Labourers employed last day of week in Ganjam,—on Rushikulya works, 4,118; Gopalpur Canal, 1,334; Ghat Roads, 1,879. Average daily number on drinking-water tanks and wells, 5,039; on minor irrigation and other works, 3,055: decrease due to agricultural operations and partly to floods in Gopalpur Canal. Number on village relief on 29th June, 27,163; fed in kitchens, 2,907. No reliable estimate of stocks of food-grains in Ganjam. Imports during week by sea and land 1,208 tons. General prospects favourable; continue to improve in Ganjam.

Bombay.—For week ending 10th July.—Rain throughout the Presidency Proper and Sind, but deficient in parts of Guzerat, Deccan, and Southern Mahratta Country. Sowing progressing in several districts, but retarded for want of sufficient rain in parts of Khandesh, Nasik, Poona, Ahmednagar, Satara, Bijapur, and Dharwar. Standing crops good in Sholapur, Belgaum, and Kanara,—damaged by caterpillars in four talukas of Kaira, and suffering for want of moisture in three talukas of Bijapur. Transplantation progressing in Surat, Thana, Kolaba, Ratnagiri, and Kanara. Fodder scarce in parts of Poona, Ahmednagar, Dharwar, and Kathiawar. Water scarce in parts of Ahmednagar and Dharwar. Prices rising in parts of Khandesh and Nasik.

Bengat.—For week ending oth July.—Ordinary monsoon weather prevails throughout the Province, and ample rain has fallen in all districts, except Balasore. A partial break in the rains appears to have set in and will be beneficial to the crops. The excessive rain has caused damage to the crops on low lands in places in the Rajshahye and Dacca divisions, the damage being rather considerable in the south of Rungpore. Sowing of paddy and bhadoi crops is nearly completed, and transplanting of seedlings has begun. Prospects of early rice, jute, and sugarcane are promising. Indigo manufacture has begun, and the produce is expected to be fair, except in Midnapore and Chumparun. The price of rice remains high and steady throughout the Province. The latest report regarding the affected tract in the Patna division shows that the attendance on relief works has fallen off considerably; but in Muzaffarpur and Darbhanga, owing to interruption of communications caused by heavy rain, prices have risen almost to famine rates. In Chumparun anxiety is felt for the crops for want of fine weather, and destitution is said to be spreading.

North-Western Provinces and Oudh.—For week ending 10th July.—Good rain everywhere. Kharif operations progressing satisfactorily. Prices almost stationary. Markets fairly supplied.

Punjab.—For week ending 10th July.—Good rain has fallen in all districts, except at Peshawar. Prices are falling in Shahpur, fluctuating in Peshawar,

slightly rising in Mooltan, and stationary elsewhere. Ploughings for and sowings of *kharif* crops in progress. Rain has done much good to the crops at Sialkot. Prospects of standing crops are good. Sugarcane and cotton crops promise well. Stock cattle are reported healthy. Fodder sufficient, except in the Dera Ismail Khan district.

Central Provinces.—For week ending 10th July.—There has been sufficient rain in all districts, with a very heavy fall in the Jubbulpore tahsil. Sowing and weeding continue. Prospects favourable. Prices steady.

Burma.—For week ending 6th July.—Seasonable rainfall throughout Lower Burma. In Upper Burma in the Kyaukse and Meiktila districts the rainfall was slight and in Yamethin very heavy, destroying some crops. The price of paddy has risen in Prome and Toungoo, and slightly in Pegu and Thayetmyo; the prices at other districts in Lower Burma remain unchanged. In Upper Burma a rise is shown in the prices in the Ruby Mines, Sagaing, and Yamethin, and a fall in Myingyan and Pyinmana districts. The food-supply is sufficient.

Assam.—For week ending 10th July.—Heavy rain in most districts. Rivers high. Transplanting of winter rice and reaping of early rice impeded in some districts by floods. Tea and growing crops doing well.

Mysore and Coorg.—For week ending 10th July.—Good rain in Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and heavy rain in the Bangalore district. Rain has fallen more or less throughout the State. Standing crops good, but more rain wanted in one taluka of the Hassan district. Outturn of crops in Tumkur district averages from half to two annas. Prices slightly risen in the Bangalore district.

Rains continue light in Coorg. Standing crops in good condition.

Berar and Hyderabad.—For week ending 10th July:—Average rainfall fair. Cotton sowing nearly finished. Sowing of jowari, til, and túr continues. Fodder sufficient, except in Amraoti district. Prices stationary. Agricultural stock good.

Some rain in Hyderabad during the week. Scarcity of fodder still felt. Prices stationary.

Central India.—For week ending 10th July.—Rain throughout Central India during the week; heavy in Gwalior. Agricultural operations completed in Bhopal; elsewhere in progress. Condition of standing crops and of pasturage good. Prices are high, except in Neemuch, where they are falling.

Rajputana.—For week ending 10th July.—No rain in Bickaneer and Dholepur; elsewhere moderate. Agricultural operations progressing. Agricultural stock good, except in Meywar and Bickaneer. Pasturage or fodder scarce in Kherwara and Meywar. Prices steady generally.

Nepal.—For week ending 4th July.—Good rain. Weather cloudy. Rain daily during the week, but weather very warm. Indian corn progressing. Late autumn rice replanted.

E. C. BUCK,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. * PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. XI of 1889-90.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.

N.B.—As regards the figures in column Total Receipts from 1st April to date, audited figures have been used as far as possible.

		length	RECEIPTS WEEK ENDIN JUNE, 18	G. 16TH	1-0	RECEIPTS WEEK ENDIN JUNE, 18	G 15TH	TOTAL REFROM 1ST TO 16TH J	APRIL	TOTAL REG FROM 1ST AP 15TH JUNE,	RIL TO	1 -								
Latest Return received. *	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS.	RAILWAYS	Total mean open.	Total.	Per mile open.	Total mean open.	Total.	Per mile open,	Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total increase in 1889-90.	Total decrease in 1889-90
	State Lines worked by		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.							
Ditto ditto I	Companies. East Indian Patna-Gya. Didárnagar-Gházipur Rajputana-Malwa Bengal-Nágpur (a) Bengal Nagpur-Sanctoria Coal Section	1,514 57 12 1,664 186	8,28,999 6,812 886 3,81,462 24,662	548 119 74 229 132	1,514 57 12 1,664 293	9,82,013 7,798 916 4,10,000 28,829	649 136 76 246 98	1,04,75,403 96,848 14,304 44,94,576 4,49,668	629 154 108 241 220	1,05,72,598 98,935 10,923 51,27,524 5,68,863	635 157 83 284 179	97,195 2,087 7,22,948 1,19,195	3,381							
22nd ditto . S 22nd ditto . I	toria Coal Section Southern Marátha (c) Do. Mysore Section Indian Midland Villupuram-Dhar m a veram (Nellore	850 140 211	69,075 10,452 (d) 29,303	81 75 139	857 219 674	(b)461 77,571 14,831 (e) 60,832	38 91 68 90	9,05,414 1,15,390 (d)2,73,909	97 75 118	(b) 461 10,02,664 1,59,994 (e) 7,29,958	38 106 66 112	461 97,250 44,604 4,56,049	=/							
15th ditto	Branch)	83 36	3,792 1,204	46 33	83 36	7,794 1,696	94 47	44,973 18,587	49 47	52,790 24,913	59 63	7,817 6,326								
	TOTAL .	4,753	13,56,647	285	5,421	15,92,741	294	1,67,99,072	321	1,83,49,623	316	15,50,551								
22nd June, 1889 . N 22nd ditto - O 22nd ditto - B 22nd ditto . N	State Lines worked by Government. North-Western (f) budh and Rohilkhand lengal Central Vardha Coal .astern Bengal Rail-	2,411 693 125 45	4,45,222 1,49,641 10,906 11,916	185 216 87 265	2,386 692 125 45	5,54,622 1,46,207 19,340 13,428	232 211 155 298	52,34,052 18,00,303 1,24,933 1,70,370	197 237 91 344	59,34,075 19,48,989 1,56,517 1,98,012	229 256 114 405	7,00,023 1,48,686 31,584 27,636								
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22nd ditto	Sihramau orhat herra-Companyganj. Burma	105 25 392	7.021 931 59,986	67 37 153	105 25 553	7,700 1,534 (g) 83,360	73 61 151	64,315 11,382 (h) 725 7,14,614	56 34 10 176	81,020 12,590 (i) 637 10,82,749	70 40 10 178	16,705 1,208 3,68,135	 88							
17	TOTAL ,	4,755	8,60,992	181	4,904	10,35,152	211	1,01,52,294	195	1,16,16,943	218	14,64,649								
22nd June, 1889 . M 22nd ditto . S 22nd ditto . C 22nd ditto . E	Lines worked by Gua- ranteed Companies. Madras South Indian Great Indian Peninsula Bombay, Baroda and	840 654 1,497	1,59,155 1,07,153 (j) 7,46,457	189 164 499	840 654 1,440	2,05,004 1,21,215 (k)5,98,931	244 185 416	17,72,853 12,06,274 1,24,33,960	192 168 752	20,13,047 12,87,538 (k)95,03,702	221 181 605	2,40,194 81,264	29,30,25\$							
	Central India (l) .	461	2,46,969	536	461	2,74,000	594	34,21,262	675	35,61,655	712	1,40,393								
GRAND TOTAL (GUARAN		3,452	12,59,734	365	3,395	11,99,150	353	1,88,34,349	496	1,63,65,942	444		24,68,407							
	ATED EXPENSES	12,960	34,77,373	268	13,720	38,27,043	278	4,57,85,715	321	4,63,32,508	313	5,46,793								
	NET RECEIPTS .							2,12,29,544	149	2,16,01,088	146	3,71,544								
Sth June, 1880	Assisted Companies. Párakeshwar Dibru-Sadiya	22	4,208	191	22	6,440	293	69,583	284	72,673	297	3,090								
	Bengal and North Western . Rohilkhand-Kumaun .	376 67	55,628 6,506	148	376 67	55,710 6,747	148	(h) 83,803 6,55,303 82,171	158	(i) 96,096, 6,55,775	123 161	12,293								
	TOTAL .	465	66,342	143	465	68,897	148	8,90,860	149	91,719	124	9,548								
	Native States. Iis Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed		A				4		. 49	9,16,263	155	25,403								
22nd ditto	Company lis Highness the Gaekwar's	277	30,588	110	354	31,947	90	3,36,320	110	4,45,869	116	1,09,549								
	lis Highness the Gack- war's Mehsana- Vadnagar	59	2,876	49	59	2,880	49	39,838	61	33,983	53		5,855							
	Bháynagar-Go n d a l- Junagarh-Porbandar	21	875	42	27	1,100	40	12,759	55	. 14,021	48	1,262								
22nd ditto	Morvi	193 68 124	16,957 2,910 7,770	88 43 63	260 68 124	29,760 4,713 6,800	114 69 55	2,81,881 54,740 80,585	133 73 63	3,91,036 57,872 80,410	139 77 60	1,09,155 3,132	6,175							
	-Umaria Branch.	742	61,976	84	892	77,200	87	8,12,123	100	10,23,191	106	2,11,068								

the Katni-Umaria Branch.
for 4 days ending 15th Jüne, 1589.
the Bellary-Kistna State Railway.
the Sindia State Railway.
the Sindia State Railway.
the Sindia and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.
the Amritsar-Pathánkot and Rájpura-Bhatinda State Railways.

Total receipts from 1st April to 9th June, 1888.

Total receipts from 1st April to 9th June, 1889.
Includes the Dhond-Manmad, Khamgaon, Amraoti, and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.
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SIMLA, 11th July, 1889.

M. C. BRACKENBURY, Major, R.E., Under Secretary



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OFFICIAL PAPERS.

A Supplement to the Gazette of India mull be published from time to time, containing such Official Papers and information as the Government of India may deem to be of interest to the Public, and such as may usefully be made known. The Debates of the Legislative Council of His Excellency the Governor General will in future be published in Part VI of the Gazette.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

RETURNS OF ACCIDENTS ON INDIAN RAILWAYS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1888.

> No. 298 R. T., dated Simla, the 3rd July 1889. RESOLUTION-By the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Read again-

Public Works Department Resolution No. 485 R. T., dated 2nd June 1884.

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Read also-

Director General of Railways' No. 82 (Statistical), dated the 13th June 1889, forwarding the Abstract Returns of Accidents to Trains, &c., on the open lines of Railway in India for the quarter ended 31st December 1888.

OBSERVATIONS .- As compared with the average of the five corresponding previous quarters, the number of accidents to trains, rolling-stock, permanent-

* Except where statistics for five quarters are not available for any line.

way, &c., shows an increase of 14, or 2.24 per cent. with an increase of 1,976.5 miles, or 15.84 per cent. in the mean mileage open, and of 1,598,973 miles, or 14.55 per cent., in the train mileage. The following are the Railways on which the more important fluctuations occurred:—

		KA SE	Acci		TRAIN MILEAGE.			
RAILWAY.	Number of ac-	Increase.	De- crease.	Per centage of increase.	Per centage of de-crease.	Per centage of increase.	Per centage of de-crease.	
Bengal-Nagpur		30	22		275'00		58.27	
Southern Mahratta		37	26		236.36		113.35	
North-Western		76.		62	٠	44.93	21.50	
Eastern Bengal		бо	•••	11		15.49	37.46	
Great Indian Peninsula	7	29		10.		25.64	7.91	
Oudh and Rohilkhand .	•	43	24		126 32		24.87	
The Nizam's		19	11	***	137.50		35.81	

- 2. Of the increase of 22 accidents in the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, 5 were under "Goods trains or parts of goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails" and three were under "Trains running over obstructions on the line."
- 3. On the Southern Mahratta Railway the number of accidents rose from 11 to 37, or 236.36 per cent., with an increase of 424.25 miles, or 98.61 per cent., in the mean mileage worked, and of 215.238 miles, or 113.35 per cent., in the train mileage run. The increase chiefly occurred under "Trains running over cattle on the line" and "Fire in trains," the number recorded under the former being 16 against 5 and under the latter 7 against nil.
- 4. Of the decrease of 62 accidents on the North-Western Railway, 14 appear under "Goods trains or parts of goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails" 6 under "Bursting of tubes, &c., of engines"; 8 under "Failure of couplings"; 7 under "Fire in trains"; and 10 under accidents classed as "Other accidents."
- 5. The decrease on the Eastern Bengal State Railways was mainly due to 17 cattle accidents having been returned against an average of 27 accidents during the five corresponding previous quarters.
- 6. On the Great Indian Peninsula Railway there was a decrease of 9 accidents under "Goods trains, or parts of goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails," and 5 under "Trains running over cattle on the line"; and an increase of 5 under "Fire in trains."
- 7. On the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway the number of cattle accidents exhibits the largest increase, being 23 against 9.
- 8. On His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway, the only noticeable difference was an increase from 1 to 6 under "Failure of machinery, springs, &c., of engines."
- 9. The casualties resulting from accidents to trains, &c., were, among passengers and others, 1 killed and 6 injured against 2 killed and 10 injured, and, among servants, 3 killed and 11 injured, against 3 killed and 7 injured. Of the casualties to passengers, 4 were persons slightly injured on the Burma State Railway in consequence of a down goods train colliding with an up mixed train

which was standing on the platform line at Hpoogyee station, the pointsman having turned the down goods train on to the wrong line.

10. On the Tirhoot State Railway a serious collision took place between a mixed train and 18 wagons at the Motiharee goods-shed line, on the 24th November, 1888, owing to the carelessness of the station staff. Three coolies who were loading goods into the wagons were killed on the spot, and 4 seriously injured.

11. The following table exhibits the number of accidents under the different classes, due to accidents to trains, rolling-stock, permanent-way, &c., and the number of persons killed and injured thereby, vide Tables Nos. 3 and 4:—

	The same was a strain of the same of the same	nd- five	For	URTH Q	UARTE		Total all		
1		correspo		Numb passes and ot	ngers	Numb		classe	
		Average of corresponding quarters of five previous years.	No.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.
ı	Collisions between passenger trains, or parts of passenger trains. Collisions between passenger trains, and trains engines and	1	2		1		•		1
2	goods or mineral trains one	11	7		4	3	4	3	8
	Collisions between goods training	15	24				2		2
3	of goods trains	2	5	119		•••	2		2
4 5	Passenger trains or parts of passenger	. 20	20				1		1
6	a I temine of Daris of 20000 training	85	68	1					
7	engines, &c., leaving the wrong	12							
	direction through points. Trains running into stations or sidings					1		1	
8	at too high a speed .	198	193	1958 BMC 185180		133	1.0	1	***
9	Trains running over cattle on the	190	193					P	
ó	Ditto over obstraction	20	28					***	
1	Ditto through gates at level crossings.	11	23	3				No.	
12	The bursting of boilers of engines The bursting of tubes, &c., of engines The bursting of tubes, &c., of engines	} 21	30, 10, 10						
120	The failure of machinery, springs, &c.,	ARE LESSED TO MAKE THE	61						١.,
13	of engines	55	90 2000	3,744 Battle Street		1	1		100
14	The failure of tyres				E 17.28	BB 101 GB1			
15	A STATE OF THE STA	. 6	. 10	9		201		***	
16	Ditto of axles Ditto of brake apparatus	•		CONTROL SERVING		19 1990	62 OF BEE	*	1:
17	Ditto of couplings	42	1 19	9	180 b	9070		19 (65.5) 12	
19	Ditto of tunnels, bridges, viaduct								1.
	Broken rails	. 10	0	9					
20	The flooding of portions of permanent			2	100	2 154			1.
21	way Slips in cuttings or embankments		4	1	在100 0000000000000000000000000000000000	D3 85.25			
22		. 3		\$50.00 CONST	16-16 (374.55)				
23	Fire in trains Fire at stations, or involving injury to	0			1000				
24	bridges or viaducts .	•	CONTRACTOR OF THE	2	5,023,025,000				Ti.
25	Out recidents	. 5	5	4				8 8 3	
	1888		63	38	1	6	3 1	4	1
	TOTAL . { Average of correspondin quarters of five previous years*	g							
	TOTAL . quarters of five previous		. 62	24	2 I	0	3	7 5	;

- 12. The principal variations occurred under "Collisions between goods trains, or parts of goods trains," 24 against 15; "Goods trains, or parts of goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails," 68 against 85; "Trains running through gates at level-crossings, 23 against 11; "Failure of axles," 19 against 6; and Failure of couplings," 19 against 42.
- 13. The increase under "Collisions between goods trains, or parts of goods trains" was chiefly due to the number of accidents recorded on the Rajputana-Malwa State Railway being 9 against 2.
- 14. The number of "Goods trains, or parts of goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails" principally decreased on the North-Western and Great Indian Peninsula Railways, being on the former 1 against 15, and on the latter 1 against 10. The largest number of accidents of this class occurred on the Dibru-Sadiya Railway, vis., 10 against 9, the average of three corresponding quarters.
- 15. Of the 23 cases of "Trains running through gates at level-crossings" 8 occurred on the South Indian Railway, and of 61 cases of "Failure of machinery, springs, &c., of engines," 17 occurred on the North-Western Railway, 13 on the Eastern Bengal State Railway and 8 on the South Indian Railway.
- 16. Of the Rajputana-Malwa State Railway, there were 10 cases of "Failure of axles" out of a total of 19.
- 17. The decrease of 23 accidents under "Failure of couplings" was mainly due to decreases on the Rajputana-Malwa State, North-Western, and Dibru-Sadiya Railways.
- 18. The number of cases of "Fire in trains" was the largest on the North-Western Railway, viz., 13 out of a total of 41; but as compared with the average of five corresponding previous quarters, there was a decrease of 7 accidents under this head.
- 19. Of the 54 accidents classified as "Other accidents," 26 have been returned by the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway.
- 20. The casualties to passengers from causes other than accidents to trains, &c., vide Table No. 2, were:—

Cause of accident.	FOURTH 18	Quarter,	AVERAGE OF CORR PONDING QUARTED OF FIVE PREVIOU YEARS.*		
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
From falling between carriages and platforms .	2	4	1	3	
Falling on to the platform, ballast, &c., when get- ting into or out of trains	2	9	2	3	
Whilst crossing the line at stations	1	3			
By closing of carriage doors		1		r	
falling out of carriages during the travelling of					
trains .	6	14	4	13	
Other accidents	1	8	2	4	
TOTAL .	12	39	9	24	

Except where statistics for five quarters are not available for any line.

21. The accidents to servants in the employ of Railways or of Contractors, whilst performing duties connected directly with the transit of passengers and goods, from causes other than accidents to trains, &c., were as follows, vide Table No. 2:—

CAUSES OF ACCIDENT.		QUARTER, 888.	Average of corres- ponding quarters of five previous years.**		
	Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
During shunting operations	10	9	5	8	
Falling off engines, vans, wagons, &c	9	12	3	10	
Coming in contact with over-bridges, &c., during the travelling of trains		1		1	
Coming in contact, while shunting, with vehicles, &c., standing in adjoining lines		1		ī	
Getting on or off trains, engines, &c	- 1	8	3	Sec	
Whilst loading, unloading or sheeting	1	17	1	11	
Whilst breaking, spragging, or choking wheels .		1		•••	
Whilst working at cranes or capstans		3		1	
Whilst working on the permanent-way or in sidings	ı	4	1	4	
Whilst walking along the line on the way home, or to work	2	4	2	2	
Whilst walking, crossing, or standing on the line .	7	11	7	8	
Whilst passing between vehicles	1.		I	1	
Whilst attending to the machinery of engines, cleaning them, &c.	1	. 1		4	
Whilst attending to gates at level-crossings			. I	I	
Falling, or being caught between vehicles and platforms		2	. 10	2	
Falling off ladders, scaffolds, platforms, &c		17	*	4	
By falling of lamps, wagon doors, timber, weights, &c	2	8		5	
Whilst coupling or uncoupling wagons	3	8	3	7	
Miscellaneous	6	43	4	18	
Total .	44	140	32	96	

^{22.} Of other persons killed and injured by running trains, &c., 1 was killed and 3 injured whilst passing over the line at level-crossings; 41 were killed and 19 injured whilst trespassing on the line; 14 committed suicide, and 2 were injured in attempting to commit suicide; and 4 were killed and 2 injured from miscellaneous causes.

^{23.} The following table exhibits the total number of persons killed and injured from all causes on the whole Indian Railway system, as compared with

^{*} Except where statistics for five quarters are not available for any line.

the average of the corresponding quarters of five previous years, vide Table

		FOURTH QUARTER, 1888.		Average of corres- ponding quarters of five previous years.*		
		Killed.	Injured.	Killed.	Injured.	
	,					
Passengers.						
From causes beyond their own control		I	10	2	12	
From misconduct or want of caution	•	12	35	9	23	
Servants.						
From causes beyond their own control .		8 -	32	2	13	
From misconduct or want of caution		39	119	32	91	
OTHERS.					4	
Whilst passing at level-crossings		1	3	1	1	
Trespassers, including suicides		55	21	40	11	
Other persons		4	2	4	2	
TOTAL		120	222	90	153	
TOTAL OPEN MILEAGE		14	,456 <u>1</u>	12	2,480	
TOTAL TRAIN MILEAGE		12,58	88,692	10,98	89,719	

^{24.} In addition to the above, 11 persons are reported to have been killed and 44 injured in yards, workshops, &c., and 138 persons to have died in carriages and at stations from causes unconnected with the working of trains.

RESOLUTION.—The Government of India again notices the number of cases of "Failure of axles" on the Rajputana-Malwa Railway, 10 cases being reported during the quarter out of a total of 19 for all Railways. There was also a noticeable increase on the Rajputana-Malwa Railway under "Collisions between Goods trains or parts of Goods trains."

- 2. Under "Goods trains or parts of Goods trains, engines, &c., leaving the rails," the Government of India is pleased to observe the decrease on the North-Western and the Great Indian Peninsula Railways.
- 3. Of 61 cases of "Failure of machinery, springs, &c., of engines," it is noticed that 17 occurred on the North-Western Railway and 13 on the Eastern Bengal Railway. A satisfactory decrease in the number of failures of couplings is shown for the Rajputana-Malwa, North-Western and Dibru-Sadiya Railways.

^{*} Except where statistics for five quarters are not available for any line.

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ORDER.-Ordered that this Resolution be communicated, for information, to the Local Go-The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.

The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, and Assam.

The Resident at Hyderabad.

The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan. Advernments,

The Director General of Railways.

The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta,

Lucknow and Central Division.

Ordered also that copies be forwarded for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

Ordered further that this Resolution, with the Abstract Returns, be published in the Supplement to the Gazette of India.

> M. C. BRACKENBURY, Major, R.E., Under-Secretary.

Documents accompanying. Abstract Returns of Accidents for the fourth quarter of 1888.

TABLE No. 1.

GENERAL TOTAL.

NUMBER of Persons reported during the Fourth Quarter of 1888 as Killed or Injure on the several Railways open for Traffic in India, distinguishing between Passengers, Railway Servants, and OTHER PERSONS; and distinguishing also, in the case of the two former Classes, between Accidents happening from causes beyond their own control, and Accidents happening otherwise.

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RAILWAYS.	From causes beyond their own control.	National Association of the Control	From their own misconduct or want of caution.	own et or ation.	Total	Pr	From causes beyond their own control.	SHOWN SHARE SHOWS THE SHOWS	From their own misconduct or want of caution		TOTAL	Whilst passing over Railways at Level-crossings.	passing ways at ossings.	Trespassers and Sulcides.		Miscellaneous not included in preceding columns.		TOTAL.	Total air Classes,	1111
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE RESULT OF EMIGRATION FROM THE PORT OF CALCUTTA DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1889.

No. I .- As to Age and Sex.

										NATAL.		То		
		*							Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Grand Total.
								18	21	15	36	21	15	36
Under 2 years									38	39	77	38	39	77
From 2 to 10 years									54	22	76	.54	22	76
,, 10 ,, 20 ,,									293	136	429	293	136	429
,, 30 ,, 40 ,,									46	29	75	46	29	75
				. /										•••
Above 50 years				•										
			5		GR	AND T	TOTAL		452	241	693	452	241	693

No. II .- As to places whence Emigrants came to Calcutta for embarkation.

and the state of t			1							NATAL:	7 8	TOTAL.		Grand
									Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
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rissa		•								1	1		1	1
Vestern Bengal				•		•								
entral ditto			•	•				·						
Castern ditto				•	•	•	•		•••				-	
Behar						•			88	49	137	88	49	137
North-Western Provinces									221	140	361	221	140	361
Oudh									141	49	190	141	49	190
Central India									2	1	3	2	1	
Punjab							*			1	1		1	
Nepal and Native States		•												
Mixed, Bombay and Madra	S		•					•	-	_	-	-	_	69
		*			16 15	AND To		•	1 12	241	693	452	1	1700
			No	o. III	-As	to C	aste a	ind	Religi	ion.			-	
Brahmins and high castes									93	43	136	93	43	13
									208	95	303	208	95	30
Agriculturists .									. 5	1	6	5	1	1
Artisans · ·	•								1		231	141	90	# 23
Low castes		•									17	5		1
Musulmans	•			•										
Christians						1.7	•						100	A decision

GRAND TOTAL

All Physical Color			Males.	Females.	Total.
ı. Hindus			447	229	676
2. Musulmans.			5	12	17
3. Christians .		•			
To	TAL		452	241	693

E. C. BUCK, Secretary to the Government of India.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Weather Review of India for the week ending at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 15th, 1889.

The weather during the week under review has, like that of the two preceding weeks, been on the whole quiet and of the normal monsoon character. Towards the close of the period a storm commenced to form over the Bay of Bengal, but the disturbance had not assumed any considerable proportions by the close of the week, and its effect on the weather, except in Northern India, was slight and unimportant. The differences of pressure between the south and north of the Indian region have been on the whole slighter than is ordinarily the case, and the monsoon currents have been in most cases below their normal

strength.

The chart of the 9th showed the ordinary low pressure area over Sind and Malabar and the south of the Bay, with a trough of high pressure area over Malabar and the south of the Bay, with a trough of relatively low pressure over the Gangetic plain. This distribution is ordinarily associated with the most extended distribution of the monsoon current, and the chart shows moist rain-bearing winds in almost all parts of the Indian region. The principal features of this distribution were reproduced on the chart of the 10th, but the barometric difference between south and north was smaller and the force of the monsoon current lower. On the morning of the 11th the barometer was falling in all parts of the Indian region, except Bengal and Burma. The changes had not however affected the general distribution, which remained practically unchanged. The wind directions were generally fairly normal, but around the upper part of the Bay there was an irregular indraught towards the centre of the Bay, which probably indicated the existence of a small low pressure area between the Arakan and Circar Coasts. The Chart of the 12th showed a brisk to moderate barometric rise over North-Western India and a fall in most other places. These changes resulted in the production of very uniform pressures over the whole of Northern and Central India, accompanying which were very light and variable winds. Over the Peninsula moderate gradients existed and the wind blew strongly, more particularly on the North Konkan Coast. Around the upper part of the Bay the wind directions were unchanged. There was very little alteration on the 13th, except that the isobaric lines over the Bay now gave definite indication of the presence of a low pressure area over the centre of the Bay. Calms and light breezes prevailed over Northern and Central India, but over the Peninsula the monsoon continued to blow strongly. Conditions were unsettled on the Kattiawar Coast, where the wind directions were irregular and the weather squally. On the 14th the barometer was falling everywhere and the depression over the Bay was much better defined. Gradients were increasing over the Peninsula and the Bay, and the monsoon was blowing freshly, though at Bombay the force of the wind had decreased. The Bay monsoon apparently fed into the depression, as the winds over Northern India were light and rather variable. On the 15th the depression over the Bay displayed a well defined centre lying near the Orissa Coast. The barometer was falling everywhere, briskly in the North-West, and the general conditions presented a well marked example of a type of weather which is not uncommon during the progress of the south-west monsoon. The winds were cyclonic around the storm area; fairly normal elsewhere.

Temperature.—The variations of temperature from the mean have been much larger during the present than during the preceding week. This result is attributable to the variations in the extent of the monsoon currents; hence the irregularities are greatest in Upper India, where the variations in the monsoon current have been most marked. In Burma and the Central Provinces the mean temperature has been above the normal throughout. In Bengal, the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab, Guzerat, Central India, Sind, and Rajputana the earlier days of the week, when the monsoon current extended well over Northern India, were cool, while the latter days of the week, when the monsoon, under the action of the Bay depression, was inturrupted, were considerably warmer than the average. In the Punjab the mean temperature was 9'3° below the normal on the 9th and 3'6° above on the 15th, giving a range of 13° for the week. In Madras the variations of temperature were the reverse of those the week. In Madras the variations of temperature were the reverse of those

in Upper India. The first days of the week, when the rainfall was light, were warmer, and the latter days, when the depression was forming and rain falling, were cooler than the average. The maxima followed the same course as the mean temperature, only, of course, the variations were larger. For instance, the maximum at Lahore on the 9th was 22° below the normal, and on the 15th was 4° above.

The following table shows the excess or defect of the mean average temperatures of the different Provinces for the present and for the preceding week:

PROVINCES.			Difference of Mean Temperature of Last Week from Normal.	Temperature of Present Week from Normal.	
Burmah			+ 1.5°	+ 2.9°	
Bengal		:	- 0'2°	+ 1.2°	
North-Western Provinces			- o.8°	- 0.5 _o	
Punjab			- o.2°	- 3.6°	
Bombay			+ 1.0 _o	+ 0.10	
Central Provinces and Berar			+ 1.4°	+ 2.10	
Guzerat and Central India			- 0.7°	+ 0.6°	
Sind and Rajputana .			- 1.1 _o	+ 1.7°	
Madras			+ 0.1 _o	- 0.4°	

This table shows that there has been some deficiency of heat in the North-Western Provinces, the Punjab, and Madras, and some excess elsewhere.

Rain.—The principal features of the general rainfall of India during the past week have been the steady rain in the west and centre of the country, the sudden cessation of the rain in Northern India on the 13th, and the increase in the rainfall on the East Coast on the 14th.

The following is a brief description of the daily distribution.

On the 9th rain was general, except in Sind, where there was none, and on the East Coast, where there were only scattered showers. Lucknow had a heavy downpour, but otherwise the amounts were not large. On the 10th there was some falling off in the amount of rain received over Northern India, but no other change. The chart of the 11th showed that a large part of North-Western India, including the south of the Punjab, Rajputana, Guzerat, and Sind, were without rain, but that it had fallen in all other districts. On the 12th and 13th the same distribution prevailed, but on the 14th a sudden change took place, and rain almost ceased during that and the following day over Northern India,

though it continued generally and fairly heavily elsewhere.

The table at the close of this Summary shows that at twenty-six out of the fifty-one divisions the rainfall of the week has exceeded and at twenty-three been less than the normal. The excess has been most marked over the Peninsula, where nearly every division reports an excess—in many cases very large. Over the whole of Burma, Bengal, and Assam, except the divisions of Assam (Brahmaputra) and Bengal (North), the week's rainfall has been deficient; but in Upper India the rain has been much heavier, the only districts reporting a deficiency in the North-Western Provinces and the Punjab being North-Western Provinces East, Oudh North, and the Punjab hill districts: in all other parts of those Provinces the rainfall has exceeded the average. Along the whole length of the West Coast from Malabar northward to Guzerat and Kattiawar the rainfall has been very heavy, but inland over the Deccan, Khandeish, and the Central Provinces the amounts are again short. Sind, Central India, and the east of Rajputana have also had deficient rains, but Rajputana West, as well as the whole of the eastern parts of the Peninsula, have had rains more or less above the normal.

The maximum amounts were unimportant in Burma and the greater part of Bengal and Assam. Perhaps the strongest evidence of the feebleness of the rains in this part of India is given by Cherrapunji, where the rainfall of the week was only 9½ inches. North Bengal had several heavy amounts, and in Upper India the maximum amounts were generally above the normal. Falls of from 10 to 22 inches were measured along the West Coast, but in the interior of the Peninsula and over the Central parts of the country, except Berar, there were no important amounts. In Madras the extreme falls varied between 2 and 8 inches. The concluding column of the table shows that the seasonal rains are deficient over Burma, excessive over the whole of Northern India, except Bengal East, Orissa, Oudh North, and Punjab Central and Submontane. In Malabar and Mysore there is a certain amount of deficiency, but the other West Coast districts show an excess. In the central parts of the Peninsula and of India the rains are still deficient, while in Guzerat, Kattiawar, Rajputana, as well as over Madras, there is a fairly general excess.

		RAINFALL	DATA FOR WEI JULY 15TH, 1889	EK ENDING		DATA FROM MA JULY 15TH, 188	
PROVINCE.	Division.	Average Actual Rainfall of Division.	Average Nor- mal Rainfall of Division.	Excess or Defect, in inches.	Average Actual Rainfall of Season to date.	Average Nor- mal Rainfall, May 13th to July 15th.	Excess or De fect of (Season al) Rainfall expressed as a per- centage.
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		Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Per cent.
BURMAH	Tenasserim Lower Burmah	9'29 2'51 1'25 1'29	3.86 3.86	- 2.61 - 5.61 - 5.61	62.00 27.97 20.08 19.16	74'03 37'24 29'85	- 16 - 25 - 33
L	Arakan	2.04	11.11	- 9.07	71.04	80.29	- 18
Bengal and Assam .	Eastern Bengal	2.05 4.90 2.16 0.87 2.13 6.81 1.01 0.94 2.26 2.10	3.80 4.41 3.44 2.40 2.52 4.07 3.48 2.80 2.29 2.15	- 1.75 + 0.49 - 1.28 - 1.53 - 0.39 + 2.74 - 2.47 - 1.86 - 0.03 - 0.05	29*52 54*24 39*40 19*68 21*93 45*79 14*84 17*94 15*44 20*54	34'04 43'58 37'30 19'41 19'16 42'45 17'11 15'36 12'47 16'29	- 13 + 24 + 6 + 1 + 14 + 8 - 13 + 17 + 24 + 26
r	North - Western Provinces	2.21	2.80	- 0.29	13.29	10.58	+ 32
North - Western	(East). Oudh (South) Do. (North) North - Western Provinces	4.04 2.62 2.75	2.257 2.75 2.14	+ 1.47 - 0.13 + 0.61	13'21 12'15 9'40	10°30 12°59 7°77	+ 28 - 4 + 21
PROVINCES AND OUDH.	(Central). North - Western Provinces	2.23	1.67	+ 0.86	7.78		+ 1
	(West). North - Western Provinces (Submontane).	3.93	2'92	+ 1.01	17:55	mal Rainfall, May rith to July 15th. Inches. 74'03 37'24 29'85 ? 86'59 34'04 43'58 37'30 19'41 19'16 42'45 17'11 15'36 12'47 16'29 10'28	+ 32
PUNJAB	Punjab (South) Do. (Central) Do. (Submontane) Do. (Hill Districts) Do. (North-West) Do. (West)	1.12 2.62 1.96 6.32 1.73 0.78	1.01 1.55 1.88 6.37 1.64 0.52	+ 0'11 + 1'07 + 0'08 - 0'05 + 0'09 + 0'26	5'01 5'76 5'08 28'46 6'84 2'80	7'73 8'47 24'69 5'72	+ 11 - 25 - 40 + 15 + 20 + 23
BOMBAY AND MALABAR COAST DIS-	Malabar Madras (South Central) Coorg Mysore Konkan Bombay Deccan Hyderabad (North)	7'31 2'89 6'51 0'87 17'06 1'48	6.67 0.57 1.16 0.80 7.57 1.70	+ 0.64 + 2.32 + 5.35 + 0.07 + 9.49 - 0.22	55.68 10.64 37.60 4.97 63.83 9.22	5.88 36.28 7.19 46.41 11.25	- 5 + 81 + 4 - 31 + 38 - 18
Land to the second	Khandeish	0.42	1.20	- o.12	2.13		- 44
CENTRAL PROVINCES {	Berar Central Provinces (West) Ditto (Central) Ditto (East)	3.45 2.41 3.08 2.39	2.56 2.83 3.82 3.07	+ 0.89 - 0.42 - 0.68	10.68 11.23 16.63	13'42 17'46	- 14 - 14 - 5 - 13
BOMBAY (NORTH) . {	Guzerat	5.40 8.65 0.20	3.12 0.30	+ 1.64 + 5.25 - 0.10	14.55 13.13 0.41	10.20	+ 3 + 24 - 5
RAJPUTANA AND CEN-	Central India (East) Rajputana (East), Central India (West).	2.13 1.01	2*59 2*04	- 0.46 - 0.43	9'09	7.65	+ 2 + 19
MADRAS	Rajputana (West) East Coast (North) East Coast (North) (a) Hyderabad (South) Madras (Central) East Coast (Central) Ditto (South) Madras (South)	1'11 1'75 3'54 2'20 2'91 1'40 1'29 0'43	0.87 1.21 3.95 1.22 0.81 0.91 0.49 0.16	+ 0.24 + 0.54 - 0.41 + 0.98 + 2.10 + 0.51 + 0.80 + 0.27	3.86 11.38 ? 6.14 7.29 6.50 5.12 2.16	9.78 7.37 5.54 5.99	+ 17 + 16 ? - 17 + 32 + 9 + 16 - 25

SIMLA, 18th July, 1889.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Weekly Report on the State of the Season and Prospects of the Crops.

Madras.—For week ending 13th July.—Rainfall slight in Tinnevelly; fair in Ganjam, Nellore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Coimbatore, and Salem; good elsewhere. Crops generally good, but withering in parts of Tinnevelly and Coimbatore, and suffering from want of rain or water in parts of North Arcot and Salem. Crops damaged by excessive moisture in parts of Vizagapatam. Water-supply insufficient in Chingleput, Coimbatore, and Salem. Stock suffering very badly, chiefly from rinderpest, in Malabar and badly in Kistna and Anantapur. Prices rising in eleven districts, falling in eight, and stationary in others. Cholera severe in the three northern districts. Labourers employed on last day of week,—on Rushikulya works, 4,105; Gopalpur Canal, 2,114; Ghat Roads, 1,927; drinking-water tanks and wells, 2,820; minor irrigation and other works, 3,615: decrease due to agricultural operations and cholera. Number on village relief on 6th July, 30,625; fed in kitchens, 5,549. Imports during week by sea and land, 613 tons. General prospects favourable, and considerably improved in Ganjam.

Bombay.—For week ending 17th July.—Rain general but deficient in parts of Deccan and Southern Mahratta Country, and sowing consequently retarded in parts of Nasik, Poona, Ahmednagar, Satara, Belgaum, and Dharwar. Standing crops good in parts of Shikarpur, Surat, Khandesh, Colaba, and Belgaum; bajri crop doing well in Ahmedabad, but insects damaging it in two talukas; young crops also damaged by caterpillars in two talukas of Kaira. Transplantation progressing in Shikarpur, Surat, Thana, and Colaba. Fodder scarce in parts of Nasik, Ahmednagar, Dharwar, and Kathiawar. Water scarce in parts of Ahmednagar and Dharwar. Prices rising in Khandesh and two talukas of Nasik, and falling in Panch Mahals.

Bengal.—For week ending 16th July.—The monsoon winds from the Bay have been feeble, and the rainfall of the week has been generally light and irregular. In Orissa general rain fell on the 15th and 16th, and showers were also numerous on these days in North and East Bengal. There was a break in the rains over the greater part of the Province, which was very welcome for agricultural purposes. More rain is however wanted in Burdwan, Hooghly, Balasore, Singbhoom, and Manbhoom. Cultivation is well forward. Rice and bhadoi sowings are nearly complete, and transplanting of seedlings is in progress. Early rice, jute, and sugarcane are doing well. Early rice has begun to be harvested in places in North Bengal, and is expected to be below an average crop. Indigo manufacture is proceeding. The prices of rice are high and almost stationary. According to the latest report, the attendance on relief works in Muzaffarpur and Durbhanga has fallen off from 17,278 and 14,656 to 10,114 and 6,270 respectively, and in certain localities prices have risen owing to interruption of communications by heavy rain.

North-Western Provinces and Oudh.—For week ending 17th July.—Average rain has fallen during the week, and the kharif prospects are everywhere good. Markets continue well supplied, and prices generally remain steady. The condition of cattle is good.

Punjab.—For week ending 17th July.—Rainfall general throughout the Province. Prices rising in Jullundur and Rawalpindi, falling in Shahpur, unsettled in Peshawar, and stationary elsewhere. Ploughings for and sowings of kharif crops in progress. More rain is wanted in Hissar. Prospects of standing crops good. Stock cattle are reported healthy. Fodder is said to be sufficient throughout the Province.

Central Provinces.—For week ending 17th July.—Good rain has fallen in all the northern districts, except in the Sihora tahsil of Jubbulpore, where the fall is short. More rain is also required for rice in Nagpur and parts of Chhattisgarh, but cotton and other crops are thriving. Nearly 1,600 cattle are reported to have died in Nimar during June.

Burma.—For week ending 13th July.—In Lower Burma, except in Moulmein and Tavoy, the rainfall was light. Rain is wanted in Sandoway, Henzada, and Prome. In Upper Burma heavy rain fell in Mandalay, Ruby Mines, Upper Chindwin, and Meiktila; elsewhere but little rain fell. The price of paddy rose 2 per cent. in Rangoon, 5 per cent. in Pegu, 8 per cent. in Tharrawaddy, 7 per cent. in Prome, 5 per cent. in Shwegyin, 12 per cent. in Ruby Mines, 5 per cent. in Minbu, and 12 per cent. in Yamethin. Prices fell in Thayetmyo, Toungoo, and Magwé; elsewhere there was but little change. The food-supply is sufficient.

Assam.—For week ending 17th July.—Weather sultry. Rain wanted in Cachar. Some damage to crops by floods in Goalpara and Garo Hills. Transplanting of winter rice and reaping of summer rice continue. Prospects of tea good.

Mysore and Coorg.—For week ending 17th July.—Good rain in Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. Rainfall general. Crops good. Paddy and sugarcane harvested in parts. Prospects favourable. No material change in prices.

Very heavy rain in Coorg. Standing crops good.

Berar and Hyderabad.—For week ending 17th July.—Average rainfall good in Berar. Cotton sowing completed. Sowing of jowari, túr, and til nearly finished. Fodder sufficient, except in the Amraoti district. Agricultural stock good. No change in the price of food-grains. In Jalgaon, Akola district, cotton suffering from want of rain:

Slight rain at Hyderabad during the week. Prices stationary.

Central India.—For week ending 17th July.—No change of any importance. Fair rain throughout the week. Western Malwa reports crops not damaged and probable outturn good.

Rajputana.—For week ending 17th July.—Moderate rainfall throughout the Province,—heavier in Kerowlee and Dholepore. Agricultural operations satisfactory. Standing crops good. Agricultural stock poor in Meywar. Pasturage or fodder scarce in Meywar. Prices steady generally.

Nepal.—For week ending 11th July.—Good rainfall. Weather hot. Transplantation of rice is busily in progress. Prospects of Indian corn good.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. XII. OF 1889-90.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.

N.R.—As regards the figures in column Total Receipts from 1st April to date, audited figures have been used as far as possible.

		length	RECEIPTS F VEEK ENDING JUNE, 1888	23RD	9	RECEIPTS VEEK ENDING JUNE, 188	22ND	TOTAL REC FROM 1ST A TO 23RD JU 1888.	PRIL	TOTAL RECE ROM IST APR 22ND JUNE,	IL TO	Total	Total
Latest Return received.	Railways.	Total mean open.	Total.	Per mile open.	Total mean open.	Total.	Per mile open.	Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total.	Per mile open per week.	ncrease in 1889-90.	decrease in 1889-90.
	State Lines worked by		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ast 8 days of June 1889 Ditto ditto Ditto ditto Logoth June, 1889 Ditto ditto Lost 8 days of June 1889 Ditto ditto Lost 8 days of June 1889 Ditto ditto Logoth June, 1889	Companies. East Indian Patna-Gya. Dildárnagar-Gházipur Rajputana-Malwa Bengal-Nágpur (a) Southern Marátha (c) Do. Mysore Section Indian Midland Villupuram-Dhar m a	1,514 57 12 1,664 186 850 140 211	8,53,295 7,599 806 3,94,041 25,230 72,203 9,062 (d) 29,707	564 133 67 237 135 85 65 141	1,514 57 12 1,664 305 857 219 674	8,88,331 7,843 855 3,97,000 (b) 31,619 82,498 15,905 (e) 60,128	587 137 71 239 104 96 73 89	1,13,28,698 1,04,447 15,110 47,98,617 4,74,898 9,77,617 1,24,452 (d)3,03,616	624 152 105 240 213 96 74 120	1,14,60,929 1,06,778 11,778 55,27,832 (b) 6,00,943 10,92,399 1,76,786 (e) 7,86,884	631 156 82 280 172 106 67	1,32,231 2,331 7,29,215 1,26,045 1,14,782 52,334 -4,83,268	3,332
Last 8 days of June 1889	veram (Nellore Branch) Bareilly-Pilibhit	83 36	7,917	95 40	83 36	* 7,149 1,695	86 47	52,890 20,017	53 46	59,824 26,614	61	6,934 6,597	
ast o days or june		4,753	14,01,290	295	5,421	14,93,023	275	1,82,00,362	319	1,98,50,767	313	16,50,405	,
	State Lines worked by Government.									-			
Ditto ditto Ditto ditto Ditto ditto	North-Western (f). Oudh and Rohilkhand Bengal Central. Wardha Coal.	2,411 693 125 45	4,86,264 1,43,950 22,418 10,184	202 208 179 226	2,386 692 125 45	5,25,647 1,48,955 13,320 14,076	220 215 107 313	57,20,316 19,44,252 1,47,351 1,80,560	198 235 98 334	64,59,722 20,99,340 1,68,476 2,12,088	228 253 112 397	7,39,406 1,55,088 21,125 31,528	:::
Ditto ditto . Ditto ditto . Ditto ditto .	Eastern Bengal Rail- ways Nalháti Tirhoot	673 27 259	1,75,691 3,654 35,875	261 134 139	673 27 273	1,65,460 1,691 38,046	246 62 139	17,59,815 24,161 4,62,842	218 74 149	19,55,141 21,498 4,73,306	242 66 144	1,95,326 10,464	2,663
Ditto ditto 29th June, 1889 12nd ditto 12nd ditto	Lucknow-Sitapur- Sihrámau Jorhát Cherra-Companyganj Burma	105 25 7 392	4,741 1,317 144 60,127	45 53 20 153	105 25 7 553	7,688 982 176 79,585	73 39 25 144	69,056 12, 6 99 1,038 7,74,741	55 42 12 174	89,209 13,572 1,005 11,63,135	71 40 11 175	20,153 873 3,88,394	33
2110	TOTAL .	4,762	9,44,365	198	4,911	9,95,626	203	1,10,96,831	195	1,26,56,492	218	15,59,661	
	Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.	7											
29th June, 1889 29th ditto Last 8 days of June 1889 29th June, 1889	Madras South Indian Great Indian Peninsula Bombay, Baroda and		1,69,441 1,11,942 (g) 6,33,811	202 171 424	840 654 1,440 461	2,00,920 1,17,408 (h)5,24,706 2,38,000	180 365	13,18,216 1,30,67,771 (g) 168 725	21,90,809 14,06,874 1,00,35,899 (<i>h</i> 38,06,180	181 585	2,48,515 88,658 	30,31,87
	Central India (i) . TOTAL .	461	2,34,520	333	3,395	10,81,034	318		-	1,74,39,762	-		25,44,301
GRAND TOTAL (GUAR	"	3,452	34,95,369	269	13,727		-	-		4,99,47,021	-	6,65,765	
	IMATED EXPENSES .							2,30,43,730	148	2,34,26,417	144	3,82,687	
UKUS 25.	NET RECEIPTS .		4	·				2,62,37,526	169	2,65,20,604	164	2,83,078	
Last 8 days of June 1889 15th June, 1889 Last 8 days of June 1889	Assisted Companies. Tárakeshwar Dibru-Sadiya Bengal and North	22	8,157	371	22	4,893 (j)	222	(k) 92,236	108		124	14,259	
Ditto ditto	Western . Rohilkhand-Kumaun .	276	54,107 7,800	144									3,43
A River	TOTAL .	465	70,064	151	465	64,540	139	9,69,347	149	9,88,719	153	19,372	*
Last 8 days of June 1889	Native States. His Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed Company	277	29,247	106	354	41,800	3 118	3,65,562	7 110	4,87,677	116	1,22,110	
29th June, 1889	His Highness the Gaekwar's His Highness the Gael	50		4	59	1,72	29	42,33	3 60	35,98	4 51	k * ,	6,34
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Includes the Sindia and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.
Includes the Amritsar-Pathánkot and Rájpura-Bhatinda State Railways.

- (g) Includes the Dhond-Manmad, Khamgaon, Amraoti, and Bhopal-Itarsi State Railways.

 (h) Includes the Dhond-Manmad, Khamgaon, and Amraoti State Railways.

 (i) Includes the Patri Branch.

 (j) Return not received.

 (k) Total receipts from 1st April to 16th June, 1888.

 (l) Total receipts from 1st April to 15th June, 1889.

M. C. BRACKENBURY, Major, R.E., Under Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Comparative Statement of the Net Indian Sea and Land Customs Revenue (excluding Salt Revenue) for the first three months of the official year 1889-90, and of the eighteen preceding years.

(IN THOUSANDS OF RUFRES.)

	YEAR.	1871-72	1872-73	1873-74	1874-75	1875-76	1876-77	1877-78	1878-79	1879-80	1880-81	1881-82	1882-83	1883-84	1884-85	1885-86	1886-87	1887-88	1888-89	06-6881
	Total Revenue.	52,42	60,26	54,87	53,79	69,04	53,58	55,92	56,08	52,60	55,45	19'65	35,09	33,68	56,69	29,00	30,44	31,74	31,84	38,62
BRITISH INDIA.	Export Revenue.	17,36	22,57	20,16	15,95	26,42	15,35	12,63	12,01	16,33	17,54	19,80	24,20	22,50	16,02	18,38	18,75	18,79	15.41	21,35
	Total Import Revenue.	35,06	. 37,69	34,71	37,84	42,62	38,23	43,29	41,07	36,27	37,91	39,81	10,89	11,18	10,67	10,62	69'11	12,95	16,43	17,27
TOTAL	On other Imports.	28,67	30,78	28,53	30,76	35,15	29,66	33,60	31,30	27,13	28,35	29,09	***	24	31	20	23	28	2,95	3,76
	On Imports of Liquors.	6,39	16,9	81,6	2,08	7,47	8,57	69'6	24.6	9,14	9,56	10,72	11,53	10,94	10,36	10,42	11,46	12,67	13,48	13,51
	Total Revenue.	8,15	14,03	13,13	10,99	16,78	12,62	11,43	13,92	15,70	15,83	12,63	21,32	17,94	13,06	15,78	16,46	16,57	11,64	18,12
BURMA.	On Exports.	69'9	11,85	11,04	8,09	14,60	56,6	8,49	96'6	12,40	12,64	13,82	18,99	15,64	10,89	14,15	14,07	13,85	8,87	15,23
Bu	On other Imports,	1,111	1,27	1,19	1,79	1,08	1,40	1,56	1,84	1,46	1,87	16,1	1	'n	65	1	-2*	-	30	73
	On Imports of Liquors.	35	16	8	11,11	1,10	1,30	1,38	2,12	1,84	1,32	1,90	2,32	2,25	2,14	1,63	2,41	2,71	2,47	2,16
	Total Revenue,	7,82	7,56	8,33	7,82	8,65	7,03	3,68	5,25	4,51	6,34	5,89	2,53	2,83	3,18	1,90	2,81	3,49	3,92	4,04
MADRAS.	On Exports.	3,89	3,16	3,86	3,21	3,92	2,26	48	1,14	1,30	2,44	2,14	1,111	1,55	1,93	64	1,31	1,25	1,24	1,62
MA	On other Imports.	2,99	3,37	3,42	3,70	3,60	3,30	1,85	2,60	1641	2,49	2,51	ì	-	6	6	-	1	61	0
	On Imports of Liquors.	8	1,03	1,05	16	1,13	1,47	1,35	1541	1,30	1,41	1,24	1,42	1,27	1,22	1,24	1,49	2,24	2,49	2,40
8 235	Total Revenue.	83	1,27	74	19	1,22	55	8	68	66	1,54	19,1	1,12	1,14	1,34	1,33	1,46	19,1	1,57	1,86
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	Total Revenue.	10,94	12,95	11,46	11,45	15,14	11,64	13,98	13,47	11,35	13,57	14,28	2,84	3,31	3,42	3,41	3,65	4,19	5,34	5,68
BOMBAY.	On Exports.	1,1	1,09	1,12	1,01	2,88	4	47	28	63	53	58	50	34	54	27	41	52	47	72
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	Total Revenue.	24,68	24,45	21,21	22,86	27,25	21,74	25,93	22,76	20,05	18,17	20,20	7,28	8,46	5,69	6,58	90'9	5,88	9,37	8,92
BENGAL.	On Exports.	5,35	5,68	3,85	3,38	4,36	2,66	3,06	3,24	1,93	1,85	3,15	3,42	4,81	2,51	3,08	2,69	2,96	99"+	3,57
BEN	On other Imports,	16,87	15,58	15,12	16,42	18,61	15.70	19,07	16,13	15,23	12,99	13,46	-	0	10	65	5	10	1,08	1,85
	On Imports of Liquors.	2,46	3,19	2,24	3,06	3,08	3,38	3,80	3,39	2,89	3,33	3,59	3,85	3,63	3,08	3,47	3,32	2,82	3,63	3,50
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* The amount refunded is greater than the duty collected.

E. J. SINKINSON, Off. Secretary to the Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE,
STATISTICAL BRANCH;
Calcutta, 23rd July, 1889.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Circular No.
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department (Surveys),—dated Simla, the 23rd July, 1889.

Read-

The General Report on the Operations of the Survey Department of India for the year 1887-88.

RESOLUTION.

The Survey Department was under the direction of Colonel H. R. Thuillier, R.E., throughout the year, and the report, which presents a record of varied and useful work in survey and exploration, indicates that the Department continues to be maintained in a state of high efficiency.

- 2. Field operations were prosecuted by twenty-six parties, of which one was devoted to Trigonometrical Surveys, six to Topographical Surveys, nine to Cadastral and Forest Surveys, six to Traverse Surveys, one to Geographical Surveys, and three to Geodetic and Tidal and Levelling Operations.
- 3. The Party employed on Trigonometrical Surveys completed the 370 miles remaining of secondary triangulation along the east coast of India. Secondary triangulation was also carried out for an aggregate length of 270 miles by the parties employed in Baluchistan as a basis for topographical surveys in that region. The work of the Geodetic Party comprised the measurement of seven arcs of longitude in Southern India; and the Tidal Survey Party continued its observations with self-registering tide gauges at the several stations along the coast where tidal observatories are established and the connected operations of spirit levelling.
- 4. Geographical Surveys and Explorations have been carried out vigorously in Upper Burma, with the result that triangulation has been extended over an area of 23,000 square miles, and that nearly 21,000 square miles have been surveyed and mapped on the \(\frac{1}{4} \) inch scale. The Survey officers who accompanied the Hukong Valley Expedition on the Eastern, and the Black Mountain expedition on the Western Frontier, succeeded in mapping large areas in comparatively unknown country on both sides of India, while a valuable addition was made to the geographical knowledge of Afghanistan and its borders by the Native Surveyor deputed with the Afghan Boundary Rectification Commission. A reconnaissance along the Nepal boundary has supplied a rough basis for a more accurate and detailed survey of the northern frontier when opportunity offers; and interesting additional information regarding Bhutan and Thibet has been obtained from the adventurous travels of native explorers trained and sent thither by the Survey Department. On the whole, the work accomplished during the year in Geographical exploration is satisfactory, and shows that this important and difficult section of the duties of the Department has received a full share of attention.
- 5. The number of parties devoted to Topographical and Forest Surveys within India was reduced from eight to six, one party having been transferred to Upper Burma for Geographical, and the other to the Central Provinces for Forest Surveys. Belgaum, Dharwar, and Guzerat in Bombay, and Madura and the Native States of Travancore and Cochin in Madras, were the field of operations in the Southern Presidencies. The Party in Madras took over the Topographical programme from the Provincial Survey Department, and by thus relieving the latter of this class of work enabled it to extend the surveys required for purposes of settlement. In Northern India the Military Surveys in Baluchistan on the

- inch scale were continued; and a Party in the Punjab operated in Kangra and the Simla Hill States, and provided in the British districts within these tracts a skeleton traverse or frame, which it is intended that the Settlement Department should fill in, for purposes of land assessment in accordance with the system advocated in the eighth and ninth paragraphs of the Survey Resolution of 1882. New Topographical maps were also constructed for a large area in the Punjab by the Traverse party employed in that Province; and a Topographical section, working in conjunction with a Cadastral party, completed the survey of the district of Mirzapur in the North-Western Provinces. The aggregate outturn amounted to 15,673 square miles, forming a substantial addition to the data in course of collection for the new maps which are constantly being required for purposes of general administration.
- 6. Forest Surveys conducted by the Survey of India Department were carried out in the Central Provinces, Lower Burma, the North-Western Provinces, Orissa, and Bombay. The outturn in the forests of Hoshangabad in the Central Provinces was small, as is usual in initiating operations in a difficult and unhealthy tract. In Burma the absence of disturbances enabled a larger area to be surveyed. In the North-Western Provinces and Orissa the Forest Surveys were performed by parties employed on cadastral work, and in Bombay by the two Topographical parties engaged in the Presidency. Under recent arrangements with the Government of Bombay one of these parties will in future be exclusively employed on the survey of Government Forests, and will compile complete maps on a 4 instead of an 8 inch scale. This change, while admitting of a larger outturn of work, will not affect the value of the maps for the purposes of forest management, for which they are primarily needed.
- 7. In pursuance of the programme laid down four years ago, the greater part of the available Survey force is now devoted to work designed to combine the requirements of Revenue administration with the demands of Cartography. Under this head may be included the Forest Surveys, already referred to, as well as Cadastral and Traverse Surveys, which occupied thirteen out of twenty-six parties. The diversion of what may be termed unremunerative to remunerative work is indicated by the following table in which the classification of the several parties employed in 1884-85 and 1887-88 is based upon the character of the work upon which they were employed. The first term "necessary" implies that, for military or administrative purposes, the survey is urgently required. The second term "unremunerative" comprises topographical surveys, which can be postponed without great inconvenience to the Administration.

		1884-85.		1887-88.						
	Necessary.	Unremunera- tive.	Remunerative	Necessary.	Unremun- erative.	Remunerative.				
Number of parties	8	11	7	11	2	13				
Total Cost Rs.	(a)3,02,000	7,15,000	8,66,000	(a)4,72,000	1,43,000	13,65,000				

ties (Coast Triangulation, Tidal and Levelling and Astronomical).

Taking Cadastral and Traverse Surveys together, the area covered during the year was upwards of 25,000 square miles. These extensive operations will aid materially in securing the punctual assessment of large tracts of country in which the settlement engagements are about to expire; and the Government of India desires to record its appreciation of the cordiality and zeal with which the Survey Department has lent itself to carrying out the programme, imposed upon it by pressing fiscal and administrative considerations in this important section of its duties.

8. Cadastral Surveys, involving the plotting of interior details, have been restricted to tracts where no village maps and no village officials trained in survey at present exist, or where, owing to the inferior training of the village staff, the existing village maps have become inaccurate and obsolete. Seven parties were thus employed in the Central and North-Western Provinces, Assam, Burma, and Bengal; and the aggregate outturn was 5,435 square miles. The system pursued varied in each case; but in every instance measures are, as far as possible, being taken to train the local and permanent officials to assist in the work and to maintain the maps and records provided by the professional survey.

Owing to the necessity for adapting the plan of operations to the widely differing conditions and circumstances of the tracts in which Cadastral Surveys were prosecuted, no useful conclusion can be drawn from a comparison of cost rates. But efforts have been continuously and systematically directed to reducing the cost to the lowest possible limits; and the average rate, which in 1884-85 was about Rs. 300 per square mile, is now brought down to something like Rs. 150 per square mile.

9. In Traversing, the principal field of operations continued to be the Central Provinces, where five parties were engaged in providing skeleton plots on the 16 inch scale, and completed 14,287 square miles. These plots are intended to furnish a scientific framework and check for the field survey by trained village officials, which follows. The only other Province in which Traversing formed the special work of a Survey party was the Punjab, where one party was employed and furnished skeletons for 5,795 square miles. In this case the object of the survey was to provide correct outlines for new Topographical maps, the details being taken from the village maps compiled by the Land Record establishment, on the accuracy of which the traverse at the same time serves as a check. The average cost of Traverse surveys did not much exceed Rs. 20 per square mile.

Of new maps, 4,062 were published during the year, and heavy demands continued to be made on the Drawing Office for trans-Frontier maps and maps of Upper Burma. The Photographic and Lithographic Offices show the large outturn of 1,203,861 copies issued during the year, which is in some measure due to requisitions for high class illustrations for archæological and other reports, for the production of which the copying processes perfected in the Photographic Office are admirably adapted. The transactions of the Mathematical Instrument Office also increased; the number of instruments supplied being 57,293, and of those received into store, 70,093.

alludes to the difficulty of providing officers to superintend the various field operations, and the necessity of further recruitment in view of the large number of prospective retirements. These matters are under the separate consideration of the Government of India.

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Surveyor General of India; to the Local Governments and Administrations noted on the margin; and to the Foreign and Military Departments.

Ordered also, that it be published in the Supplement to the Gazette of India.

(True Extract.)

E. C. BUCK,

Secretary to the Government of India.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1889.

General Weather conditions of month.—The chief feature of the month is the gradual advance of the south-west monsoon humid currents from the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal over India. As stated in last month's report, partial advances occur in the month of May over portions of Southern India and Tenasserim, but it is usually not until the last week of May or the first week of June that the great advance occurs which finally terminates in the establishment of the monsoon over India. It advances with more or less regularity northwards up the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, and thence extends over the interior of India. The rate and manner of advance depend very largely upon the pressure and other weather conditions prevailing at the time in India. Excessive temperature usually prevails over the whole of Central and Northern India at the commencement of the month. The advance of the monsoon currents over the interior increases the humidity and gives rise to more or less cloud. Hence temperature falls, and the area of excessive temperature retreats northwestward into Sind, the West Punjab, and North-West Rajputana, where temperature remains permanently high throughout the whole of the monsoon, and the highest maximum temperatures of the year are frequently recorded in that area in June and July, and even in August.

This great change from great heat and dryness to moderate heat, excessive humidity, and frequent rain showers is usually not completed over Northern India until the third or fourth week of June, by which date the monsoon currents have penetrated into the Upper Punjab.

Weather is always more or less squally in front of the advancing monsoon currents up the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal; and this squally weather frequently develops into a cyclonic, storm which carries the first heavy burst of monsoon rainfall, as it were, with it in its rear.

Again, after the south-west monsoon winds are fully established, there is a marked tendency to the formation of small cyclonic storms in the Bay of Bengal and in Bengal (more especially East Bengal). These small cyclonic storms form one of the more conspicuous features of the rains proper. In June and July they usually advance in a west or west-north-west direction across the head of the Peninsula, and give heavy rain over the area they traverse. As they draw away the rain for the time being from other districts and concentrate its fall over the narrow area they traverse, they are one of the chief causes of the irregular distribution of the monsoon rainfall. This effect is exaggerated by the tendency of these cyclonic storms to follow the same general path during the months of June, July, and August, or during the height of the monsoon.

Cyclonic storms and barometric depressions of the month.—The following are the more important depressions of the month:

(1) Depression and cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea of June 1st to 9th.— This storm was formed in front of the south-west monsoon current as it advanced northwards along the West Coast of India. Heavy rain began to fall on the Malabar Coast on the 30th and 31st, and weather was very squally off that Coast. On the 2nd heavy rain had extended northwards to Ratnagiri, and the wind directions at the West Coast stations indicated that the squally weather in front of the advancing humid current had developed into a cyclonic storm, the centre of which on the morning of the 2nd was to the west-south-west of Goa. Very heavy rain fell along the West Coast on the 3rd, and the centre of

the storm on the morning of the 4th was west of Ratnagiri. The depression at the centre was now considerable, as pressure at Goa and Bombay was a sixth of an inch below the normal. The depression continued to advance slowly northwards and to deepen. On the morning of the 5th the centre was west of Bombay, where the barometer was a quarter of an inch below the normal. The storm now covered the angle between the Kathiawar and Bombay Coasts, and it was blowing a heavy gale on the Konkan Coast. The average wind velocity at Bombay on the 6th was 37 miles per hour and on the 7th 33 miles per hour. The storm either filled up slowly on the 8th off the Kathiawar Coast or recurved to north-west or west. No reports have been received as yet from ships of the weather at this time in the Arabian Sea; but, so far as can be judged from the Kurrachee observations, the storm drifted to the north-west and marched parallel to the Kathiawar and Sind Coasts on the 8th and 9th. It probably filled up as it advanced and broke up in the neighbourhood of the Makran Coast west of Kurrachee on the evening of the 9th. The chief feature of the storm was the very heavy burst of rain which the westerly winds in the south quadrant gave to the West Coast districts. The following gives the total rainfall received during this period at several of the West Coast Ports:

	R	Rainfall of 24 Hours preceding 8 A.M. of •											
STATIONS.	June 1st.	June 2nd.	June 3rd.	June 4th.	June 5th.	June 6th.	June 7th.	Total Rainfall of Week					
Cochin	3'24'	0.83	0,10	2.61	2.79	0.39	3.92	13.88					
Calicut	1.47	0.43	1.10	4.43	1.20	3'49	6.62	19.34					
Mangalore	0.03	2.76	2.13	5'40	3.40	3.04	4.08	20.82					
Karwar		0.22	3.92	5.10	7:30	5.60	10115	32.62					
Goa		0.14	1.46	6.00	5.06	5.28	3.22	21.16					
Ratnagiri	0.01	2.77		0.20	2.26	3.43	0.09	9.32					
Bombay		•••	0.02			0.07	5.80	5'92					

(2) Depression and small cyclonic storm of 9th to 14th of June.—Weather was unsettled and squally in the south of the Bay at the commencement of the month. A very small depression was in existence off the Coromandel Coast on the morning of the 2nd. It apparently advanced slowly northwards without showing any sign of further development until the morning of the 9th, when it covered the north west of the Bay, off the Orissa and Ganjam Coasts. The centre was probably east of Gopalpore on the morning of the 9th, and east of False Point on the morning of the 10th. The depression at the centre was very small, and winds were probably only of moderate intensity in the southern quadrant. The centre at 8 a.m. of the 11th was midway between False Point and Saugor Island. It continued to advance northwards, and was between Burdwan and Berhampore on the 12th. It drifted slowly through Central Bengal on that day, and the centre was to the south-west of Dhubri on the 13th. The storm disappeared before morning of the 14th. It was hence throughout a diffused storm of feeble intensity, and was remarkable for its slow progression northwards, at a rate probably never exceeding 5 miles per hour. This storm carried the south-west monsoon current up the Bay, and general rain began to fall in Bengal on and from the 9th. The breaking up of the Arabian Sea storm, which also occurred on that day, was followed by a rapid advance of westerly humid winds and general rain over nearly the whole of Central and Upper India on the 10th and following days. The present storm gave very heavy rain on the Arakan Coast and moderate rain to Bengal. The following are some of the heaviest